



## A Message from Carol O'Dell, President

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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 **Kathy Beitzel** (kbeitzel@att.net) know of anyone who might need a card.  
Thanks.



A couple of weeks ago I was with some quilting friends and in the midst of the discussion, someone asked one of the ladies about one of her quilts. She inquired about the pattern name and designer. Instantly, the one to whom the question was asked, pulled out her phone. I assumed she was going to reference her photos, but instead she opened an app called **"My Quilts"**. Within the app, there is a section for My Projects, which you can enter when you begin a project or have purchased the supplies for the project. It will track your progress and keep track of the pattern name, designer, etc. You can add a great deal of information, including a picture of the particular finished project. There is also an area where you can follow others' projects and like their projects. I keep a paper list, but this is a very nice option that I am going to try to initiate.

As we spoke further, others in the group added their suggestions for other quilting apps, one being an app to track your **Villa Rosa Designs** pattern cards. Have you ever come home with one of those cards, only to find the same card in your pattern library? This might help solve the problem. I've used the **"RKQuiltingCalc"** to determine amounts of fabric to buy for backings and bindings. **"QuiltySolid"** can help you with fabric selections for your next project. Do you use different threads, maybe for embroidery or for your longarm? There is an app for that as well. It is named **"Needlentry"**. It gives the opportunity to make different files for the different threads you might use. For instance, if you use Glide when you longarm, you create a file for Glide, and then within the file you can list the colors you have in stock. You may use Isacord for your embroidery – you can do the same thing. The above apps can be found and downloaded through the app stores on your phones.

Another app I came across is one used to calculate the number of strips needed for different sized and shaped jelly roll rugs. It is called **"JellyCalc"**. This one is not available through the app stores (Apple or Android). I found it by following a jelly roll rug maker: uniquely\_mateo on Instagram. You can find out more about this on her YouTube channel as well. If you haven't seen some of these, give one or two a try. We have so many useful tools at our fingertips to help with our craft.

Carol O'Dell

## ***Upcoming Events:***

- 5/15**                      **POP Guild Meeting 7pm at Zion Lutheran Church**  
Faithful Circle Quilt Guild's Opportunity Quilt visits
- 5/17**                      **POP Workshop with Linda Lambert 9:30am**  
Zion Lutheran Church
- 5/17-5/18**                Northwest Suburban Quilt Guild's Quilt Show  
Judson University
- 6/19**                      **POP Guild Meeting 7pm**
- 6/29**                      **POP Newsletter Articles Due**
- 7/7**                        **POP Board Meeting/Quilt Show Meeting 6pm/7:15pm**  
Zion Lutheran Church
- 7/17**                      **POP Guild Meeting 7pm at Zion Lutheran Church**
- 7/19**                      **POP Workshop with Bobbie Butler & Debbie Wesenberg**  
**9:30am at Zion Lutheran Church**
- 7/25-7/27**                **POP Quilt Retreat at Carmelite Retreat Center, Darien, IL**

## ***Just a Reminder...***

Don't forget to check out our website. Stephanie Ferrara has done a great job of loading pictures from our guild meetings onto the website, in addition to a wealth of information regarding our guild programs, workshops, Policies and Procedures, By-Laws and similar items of interest.

## **Vice President's report**

The following By-Laws were changed after an affirmative vote from the members present at the April meeting:

Article II, Section 3a will be deleted and the information will be added to Article III, Section 1 which already deals with the terms of officers.

Article II, Section 4 is amended to increase the prorated fee of a partial year membership to \$15.

Article III, Section 1: changes tabled for further discussion.

Kathy Beitzel

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## ***Two Months Away....***

Our quilt retreat is only a little over two months away. Can it be so close already? It you haven't signed up, here are the details:

**Who:** You!

**What:** A wonderful weekend of sewing, sharing and getting to know one another in a setting that eliminates our daily responsibilities. We are fed 5 meals during the retreat.

**Where:** The Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Rd., Darien

**When:** July 25 – July 27. It starts at 9am Friday and ends at 2pm Sunday

**Accommodations:** Your choices are: 1) to commute each day for \$170; 2) a single room for \$295; or 3) a double room you share with a friend for \$225.

**What to Bring:** Your projects, rulers, sewing machine, all things needed for your creativity to shine. We will have a few ironing stations and cutting stations for your use, should you choose. Lastly, don't forget your clothes and toothbrush. 😊

We will have an area for snacks (in our sewing room) and a refrigerator and microwave that we share with the other people there on retreat.

Won't you join us? We still have 3 more openings. If you'd like additional information, please contact Vicky Pampe, Sandy Piatak or Carol O'Dell.

***FINAL PAYMENT is due no later than the June guild meeting.***

## ***In Case You Couldn't Make It:***

Please refer to the attached minutes from the March and April 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](mailto:melanie.hinds1259@gmail.com)) or Eileen Uchima ([Eileen.uchima@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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### **Saturday, May 17, 2025 Collage Quilting with Linda Lambert**

Linda Lambert, a local Laura Heine certified instructor, will be leading this exciting workshop. This workshop will add to the information from Linda’s presentation on May 15, where we will learn about Laura Heine’s process of collage quilting and how collage quilting helps to improve your health. During the workshop you will create your personal design based on value, hues, and motifs to layer fabric that will help you create your collage quilt. Learn Laura Heine’s techniques to successfully create, secure, and quilt your work of art!

The cost is \$55 per person and kits can be purchased from Quilters Quest Quilt shop (7305 Lemont Road, Downers Grove, Illinois ~~ 630-969-2205). Patterns will be purchased from Linda at a special cost of \$20.

**Linda's workshop will be at Zion Lutheran Church, 11007 Book Road, Naperville, IL 60564**

**Non-Guild Members cost for the class is \$65; pattern and kit are extra.**

**Doors open at 9:30am, class begins at 10:00am**

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**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

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## **Bobbie Butler and Debbie Weisenberg Workshop**

### **“A Day with Rulers – From Practice to Perfect”**

Quilting with rulers is the latest in free motion quilting skills that everyone wants to try, and many worry will be too difficult. DK Studios has created a line of rulers and templates that allow you to create stunning designs and use them effectively in your quilts. Using the proper tools and techniques allows quilting with rulers to be fun and creative.

In this workshop Bobbie and Debbie will show us how rulers can help make our quilts more visually pleasing and attractive. Join us for a hands-on class with a pair of instructors who have been free motion quilting for years and love ruler work.

There will be stitched samples of all the rulers & templates for you to review. Our instructors will have marking templates, marking utensils and lots of templates for you to try out...and an instructional handout will be provided for workshop attendees to take home.

The cost is \$55 person. Please see the [supply list](#) for additional information about ruler foots.

**Bobbie & Debbie's workshop will be at Zion Lutheran Church, 11007 Book Road, Naperville, IL 60564**

**Non-Guild Members cost for the class is \$65**

**Doors open at 9:30am, class begins at 10:00am**

### **Supply List**

*Students will need a ruler foot for the class.* Additional information can be found at the supply list located at the [P.O.P. website](#).

**We hope to see you at these workshops!!**

**QUILT SHOW 2026**

**The next Quilt Show meeting will be held on Monday, May 5th at 7:15 p.m.  
The Quilt Show is only 9 months away! I hope you are working on your quilts!  
We want to have a great show and we will with all of your beautiful quilts!**

## **WE HAVE BOOKMARKS!**

### **Have you started your Challenge Quilt yet???**

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](mailto:lscheimann@comcast.net)

### **Vendors**

We have signed contracts from Warman Cozy, Olde Master Pen Shoppe and Alice Ridge Quilts ([aliceridgequilts.com](http://aliceridgequilts.com)). We have also heard from David Ruth Designs (the barn quilt lady), Roberts, and Yellow Creek Quilts.

### **Silent Auction**

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. We would like you to donate to the quilty items for this auction. The obvious - quilts and wall hangings of any size, table runners. Other quilty items that maybe you haven't thought of are: quilted coasters, pin cushions, mug rugs, bowl cozies, drawstring jewelry bags, potholders, small zippered pouches for sewing odds and ends, small purses or fanny packs, wallets, pencil or crochet hook holders, laptop computer bags, sashiko boxes. And, of course, any wool items would be wonderful also - handstitched, applique, whatever.

If you have more ideas, let us know - perhaps quilt kits or new, unused, rulers could be a part of this auction. Let us know what you think.

Please contact –

Anita Marsh 630-643-0001 [anitamarsh@aol.com](mailto:anitamarsh@aol.com) or Anita Baranski 815-342-1188

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### **Strip Search Committee**



Please remember to save all your clean, good quality quilting fabric that is at least 2.5" wide so that we can sell at our Quilt Show. They can be from commercial jelly rolls that you have, or strips left over from your projects. In addition to bags of strips that will be packaged for sale, we will also consider the following types of fabrics:

- panels
- yardage
- selvages
- strips less than 2.5" (1"-2.25)
- novelty/holiday fabrics

We would like to have a variety of fabric types for sale to appeal to a variety of quilters. Fabric that may not suit your needs may be fabric that someone else will use to fussy cut, make scrappy projects or create a colorful improv piece.

We'll continue to have a plastic bin at all guild meetings in which all donations can be placed. Please tell your quilting buddies and friends in other guilds as they may wish to contribute their fabric to help our show.

If you have any questions about fabric donations, please feel free to contact anyone from the Strip Search Committee.

Thank you for any donations!!

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Karen Shibley [kms50@aol.com](mailto:kms50@aol.com)

### **Opportunity Quilt**

The Opportunity Quilt has started traveling! Not just to sell tickets, but it's also a way for us to advertise our Quilt Show. Susan Janasik has a list of locations, dates and times, and volunteers are needed to escort it. Please see Susan to volunteer!

Contact Susan Janasik 630-546-4927 [sjanasik0926@gmail.com](mailto:sjanasik0926@gmail.com)

### **Books, Magazines and Patterns**

Please start 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](mailto:teenalp@outlook.com) or  
Vicky Pampe 318-366-5720 [vickyv11@yahoo.com](mailto:vickyv11@yahoo.com)

### **Raffle Baskets**

Just a reminder that we are starting to collect donations for the raffle baskets. Donation items are starting to come in and we would like to say thank you to those of you who have donated so far. Our committee is looking forward to putting together some fun baskets for the 2026 Quilt Show.

We have many ideas for baskets already if you might need a little guidance. But all donations are wanted and greatly appreciated. We hope everyone will donate at least one fat quarter and one new spool of thread. It should be the quality that you would use. Feel free to donate any new and usable items to fill up the raffle baskets or even put together a basket individually or with a group.

Listed are some of our basket ideas so far:

Embroidery	Wools	Batik	Needle Work
Scrapbooking	Wine	Holidays/Seasons	Gardening
Patriotic	Leisure/Games	Spa/Relaxation	Children's Basket
Men's Basket	Sports	Civil War	Reproduction

We will set out a large plastic tub at the guild meeting 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. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

The Raffle Basket Committee

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## **Opportunity Quilt-**

Travel Schedule Jennifer got us started with some dates for our Opportunity Quilt. This is what we have so far:

5/8/25	Salt Creek Quilters Guild, Hinsdale
6/25/25	Faithful Circle, Downers Grove

Susan Janasik

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# Philanthropy

A big **THANK YOU** for all the quilts you've been making & donating!! In April, we were able to warm the hearts of so many:

Guardian Angel Community Services, Joliet

- 10 children's quilts, 20 adult quilts, 32 pillowcases

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, Joliet

- 23 baby / child quilts, 3 receiving blankets, 36 burp cloths

Villa Franciscan Place, Joliet

- 21 wheelchair quilts, 7 small lap/wheelchair quilts

*"What comes from the heart, goes to the heart."* Samuel Taylor Coleridge

In May & June we will be delivering children's quilts for Camp Hope and bed quilts for the retreat centers at [DeeperStill.org](http://DeeperStill.org).

We continue to need small lap, patriotic quilts that we donate to the Angels Grace Hospice in Bolingbrook, and are given to veterans. They ask that they be red, white, and blue and the size they need can range from **36 / 40"** by **50 / 60"**.

We prefer finished quilts – pieced, quilted, bound, and washed. We will add the labels that say *Made by Pride of Prairie Quilters, Plainfield, Illinois*.

The quilting does not need to be intricate – simple cross-hatching, wavy lines, straight lines, in the ditch.

Thank you for your generosity!!

*"Thunder is good. Thunder is impressive. But it is the lightening that does the work."* Mark Twain

While all sizes & colors of quilts are appreciated, we are currently in need of;

- Twin (70 x 90") up to queen (90 x 108")
- Quilts that use colors & prints suitable for boys and men (wheelchair to lap/throw size)
- Pillowcases

**Our ongoing needs; batting, yardage for backings, domestic and longarm quilters**

Peace by piece,

Sandy and Jill

## Newsletter Article Submissions:

### Newsletter

July/August 2025  
Sept/October 2025  
Nov/December 2025

### Article Due Date

June 29, 2025  
August 29, 2025  
October 29, 2025

### Publication Date

July 10, 2025  
Sept. 10, 2025  
Nov. 10, 2025

### May and June Birthdays

May 17	Cathy Formanek
May 19	Lynn Bogue
June 2	Ann Jordan
June 9	Lynn Scheimann



### 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](mailto:jmssampler@earthlink.net) 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

### **2024-2025 Pride of the Prairie Officers**

President – Carol O'Dell

Vice President – Kathy Beitzel

Secretary – Marjorie McNichols

Treasurer – Pat Herman

Programs - Melanie Hinds & Eileen Uchima

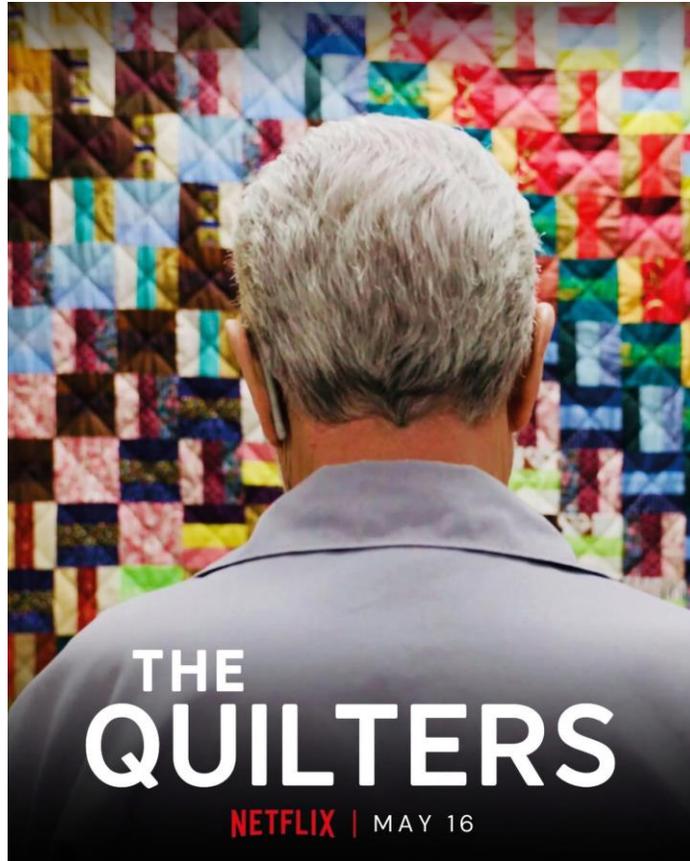
Contracts – Cathy Formanek & Vicky Pampe

Publicity and Website – Stephanie Ferrara

Newsletter – Jane Stevens

Philanthropy – Sandy Piatak & Jill Stuck

Membership – Donna Borowiec & Camille Ellsworth



The Quilters is a powerful new Netflix documentary coming May 16 that takes you inside a maximum security prison where a group of incarcerated men find purpose, expression, and redemption through quilting in a space that becomes more than just a sewing room it becomes a lifeline

