



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



And just like that the 2023 Pride of the Prairie Quilt Show is over!

I want to thank everyone for all their hard work in preparing for the quilt show. Sharon Thomsen said it best I think, "It takes a village". It really does. Thank you to all of those who helped with set up on Friday evening and take down on Sunday evening. And special thanks to all the family members who gave their time and their muscles. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the quilt show to keep it running smoothly. Whenever there was a need, you stepped up.

It was such a good feeling to see so many people come through the show. There were plenty of "oohs" and "aahs" and smiles all around.

This quilt show was 5 years in the making. More than that, if you consider all the time that went into the quilts which were on display. We had such a great variety of quilts. So much love went into each and every one. You are a very talented group of ladies!

And, of course, **CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!** Those ribbons were well deserved! Your quilts were stunning!

I also want to thank my co-chairs, Carol O'Dell, Sandy Piatak and Sharon Thomsen. They worked tirelessly to coordinate the facility, the equipment and the vendors. Thank you, ladies!

Now let the planning for the 2025 Quilt Show begin!



“It’s a Quilt, Not a Blanket”

2023 Quilt Show

Either way, it’s a wrap!

So much talent was showcased during our 2023 Quilt Show and here is a listing of our award winners.

Best of Show
Judi Arand

Viewers Choice
Catherine Lucas

Pieced Large

1st Glenis Orłowski
2nd Eileen Diercks
3rd Valli Schiller

Applique Small

1st Catherine Lucas
2nd Sharon Thomsen
3rd Sharon Thomsen

Machine Quilted by Registrant

1st Valli Schiller
2nd Sharon Thomsen
3rd Sharon Thomsen

Pieced Large

1st Judi Arand
2nd Eileen Diercks
3rd Cheryl Parker

Mixed Large

1st Lynn Poulos
2nd Susan Janasik
3rd Eileen Diercks

Hand Quilted by Registrant

1st Sharon Thomsen
2nd Sharon Thomsen
3rd Sharon Thomsen

Pieced Small

1st Laura McCormack
2nd Christine Williams
3rd Lynn Scheimann

Mixed Wall

1st Catherine Lucas
2nd Lynn Bogue
3rd Judi Arand

Modern/Art

1st Glenis Orłowski
2nd Kathy Beitzel
3rd Anita Marsh

Applique Large

1st Catherine Lucas
2nd Catherine Lucas
3rd Catherine Lucas

Mixed Small

1st Sharon Thomsen
2nd Sharon Thomsen
3rd Sharon Thomsen

Miscellaneous

1st Laura McCormack
2nd Christine Williams
3rd Eileen Diercks

Applique Wall

2nd Catherine Lucas
3rd Diane Swaney-Smith

Wool Any Size

1st Lynn Bogue
2nd Christine Williams
3rd Christine Williams

2023 Challenge

1st Judi Arand
2nd Sharon Thomsen
3rd Cheryl Parker





Quilt Show 2025 Needs You!!!!

Many hands have worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the past 5 years (yes it has been 5 years since our last actual quilt show in 2018) to keep our guild moving forward by continuing to keep our major fundraising event alive through a global pandemic, trusted vendors going out of business and the rising prices that have come as a result of all of this. These wonderful women need and deserve a break from their positions on the Quilt Show Board. With that in mind, we need to fill all of the positions listed below so that work and planning can begin right away. Our guild needs you to sustain itself moving forward.

- Co- chairs (3)
- Treasurer
- Opportunity Quilt Team (3)
- Travel Quilt Team (2)
- Equipment
- Vendors
- Quilt Registration
- Quilt Layout
- Quilt Labels
- Judges
- Quilt Check In/ Check Out
- Quilt Flyer
- Challenge Quilts
- Strip Search (2)
- Raffle Baskets (3)
- Interior Signage
- Exterior Signage
- Announcements
- Ribbons
- Magazines, Books & Patterns (2)
- Publicity (2)

Upcoming meeting information

March 16, 2023 – Chris Moline, certified quilt appraiser, lover of everything that is quilting, former POP member and past president of Pride of the Prairie will present her lecture, **Ugly Quilts** - Just what makes a quilt ugly? Learn important lessons for keeping your quilt out of Chris's lecture. Using past and present day examples of truly ugly quilts, you will be learning the important keys for creating quilts that please the eye, while laughing and groaning about the mistakes of others.

April 20, 2023 – Quilt Show Wrap Up

May 6 & 7, 2023 - Global Quilt Connections
Mark your calendars now. The guild will, once again, make this amazing opportunity available to all POP guild members.

The All-Star Sampler Platter is an affordable, live virtual program for all guild members of registered guilds. Six hours (over two days) of 15 minute demonstrations by Global Quilt Connection teachers.

We will send the viewing links and a schedule as the date draws near.



May 18, 2023 - Cathy Glover - is a Certified Quilt Appraiser from Earlville. She is also a former POP member and past president of Pride of the Prairie and was instrumental in beginning our quilt show journey. She owns Prairie Quiltings and does long-arm quilting. She loves any antique textile, especially quilts. She teaches and is lecturing in Paducah this April. Check her out on Facebook. Her lecture is "Crazy About Quilts".

June 15, 2023 - Diane Murtha - Quilter, Fiber Artist, Lecturer, Teacher. My quilting adventure has been long and varied, including delusions of grandeur, some epic fails, a few triumphs, many "good enoughs" and most importantly, increasingly satisfying results. The stories that go along with my quilts are equal to the warmth and smiles they bring. If only I could just follow a pattern without making changes, it would be so much easier. But where is the adventure in that? Challenge yourself!

Open Board Positions:

Please remember that we are actively seeking members for the position of **Publicity**



Philanthropy

Thank you very much to those of you who so graciously gave of your time and talents to making Philanthropy quilts! The Philanthropy team is looking forward to going out to donate these quilts in the upcoming months. They are truly appreciated by all of the recipients!

We are currently accepting pillowcases and all size quilts, from wheelchair to king size. Believe it, or not, Summer will be here before we know it, and we will again be donating to Edward Hospital's Camp Hope. They are asking for 36" x 36" to lap or throw size quilts, preferably gender neutral, for preschool to Jr. High school age children.

Thank You!

Lynn Bogue, Diane Swaney-Smith, and Sandi McHenney



The poster features a central illustration of a blue bus with a red roof and a pair of scissors on the back. The word "SPRING" is written in large, pink, bubbly letters at the top. Below it, "QUILT SHOP" is written in black letters on a white banner across the bus. "BUS HOP" is written in large, green, bubbly letters at the bottom. The dates "Saturday, April 22" and "Sunday, April 23" are written in a pink, curved font. The background is light pink with floral decorations.

Two days, seven quilt shops and SEW much fun!
Start at your local quilt store and get the chance to tour SIX more! Meals, travel & overnight stay included!
Reservations start at \$275 per person for Double Occupancy!

LORI'S PINS N NEEDLES PARIS, ILLINOIS (217) 465-5541	CONTACT ANY OF THESE PARTICIPATING SHOPS FOR MORE INFORMATION!	UNRAVELED QUILT STORE SPENCER, INDIANA (812) 821-0309
QUILTS N GIFTS BLUFFTON, INDIANA (260) 565-4438		ROBERTS SEWING CENTER CREST HILL, ILLINOIS (615) 729-1600
THYME TO SEW SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (574) 855-2297		WOODEN SPOOL EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS (217) 347-9669
		SEWING STUDIO HUDSON, ILLINOIS (309) 485-1010

Check it out!

Did you see this Bus Hop Shop Hop in the Roberts Sewing Center booth during our show?

Looks like lots of fun if you are itching for a quick getaway and are not interested in doing the driving!

7 Shops in total
3 in Indiana
4 in Illinois

Out and About and In Our Backyard

Coming Later in March

Salt Creek Patchmakers Quilt Guild
Oh Scrap!
7539 Little Galilee Rd
Clinton, IL 61727
Friday, March 24 9am -6 pm
Saturday, March 25 9am-4pm
Admission \$6
Children under 12 Free

Log Cabin Quilt Guild of Minooka
Quilter's Garage Sale
Community Room
Minooka Village Administration Center
121 McEvelly Rd.
Minooka, IL
Saturday, March 25th 10:30-3:30
Admission Free

Quilt Shows

Coming in April

Salt Creek Quilters Guild
Celebration of Quilts
Union Church
137 S. Garfield
Hinsdale, IL
Friday, April 21st 3-7 pm
Saturday, April 22nd 9am-5pm
Live Quilt Auction Saturday 1-3

Hands All Around Quilt Guild
Quilt Spectrum 2023
Interstate Center
1106 Interstate Drive
Bloomington, IL
April 28-29, 2023
Friday, April 28th 9-5
Saturday, April 29th 9-4
Adults \$10, Kids 6-12 \$1, Under 5 Free

Mark Your Calendars!



March and April Birthdays

Carol O'Dell	Mar 2
Christine Williams	Mar 3
Marianne Murphy	Mar 11
Kathy Beitzel	Mar 15
Sally Pawlak	Mar 17
Glenis Orloski	Mar 21
Ruth Chica	Mar 24
Elaine Salato	Mar 26
Valli Schiller	Mar 31
Susan Turnholt	Apr 20
Catherine Lucas	Apr 26
Sharon Thomsen	Apr 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)
- **Your checkbook** in order to pay for your Raffle Tickets, Workshop fees and any traveling quilt tickets that might be attending our meeting



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.

2023-2024 Pride of the Prairie Officers

President – Jennifer Henry

Vice President – Lynn Poulos

Secretary – Laura McCormack

Treasurer – Susan Janasik

Contracts / Programs – Kathy Beitzel, Pat Herman, Melaine Hinds,
Lynn Scheimann & Eileen Uchima

Publicity – **OPEN**

Newsletter – Sharon Thomsen

Zoom Coordinator - Sharon Thomsen

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

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

Nominations – **OPEN**