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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

I'd like to welcome our new members Diane Barton, Majorie McNichols, Sharon Read and Marilyn Tolhuizen to Pride of the Prairie. We are so glad you joined us!

We had a very successful Silent Auction/Garage Sale at our October Guild meeting. A big thank you to our Contracts/Programs Committee. They did a great job of organizing and running the event. Thank you to all who attended. Our member, Glenis Orłowski, was the high bidder and took home the Featherweight sewing machine! I'm sure she will enjoy many hours of sewing on it!

I'm excited for the new year! Pride of the Prairie will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary! We are planning to celebrate our anniversary at our June 24th Guild meeting.

One of the ways we will be celebrating is with a Red and White Quilt Challenge. I hope you will all take on that challenge.

In February, we will start a mystery BOM. Eileen Uchima will present the Magical Mystery Quilt. I'm excited to find out what Eileen has in store for us! These are just some of the things we have planned for the new year.

I hope everyone stays safe and well. And that you all enjoy the holidays!

Jennifer Henry

Upcoming meeting information

November 16, 2023 - School House- Various guild members will demonstrate different projects or techniques with a holiday theme.

December - No meeting this month. Stay home and enjoy your family over the holidays.

January 18,2024 – Sarah Goer “Creating a Scrappy Slab” virtual lecture/demo. Get your scraps out of your scrap bin and into a project! In this lecture/demo, Sarah will demonstrate her techniques for building a scrappy slab from scrap fabrics of any size. In addition to show and tell about numerous projects using these slabs, Sarah will outline a variety of ways for you to use scrappy slabs in your quilting. You will leave this virtual lecture/demo ready to sew your own scrappy slabs. **This will be a Zoom meeting that you can watch from the comfort of your home.**

February 15, 2024 – Eileen Uchima Roll up for the Mystery Tour! Consider this an invitation to join Eileen for a Magical Mystery quilt. For the next six months we will be working on a mystery quilt, designed just for Pride of the Prairie by member, designer, and teacher, Eileen Uchima.

In February, Eileen will present a talk on the history and process of designing her original Block of the Month quilts. At this meeting, we will begin our tour with a handout and tips on the fabric required to construct the mystery quilt. Each month, members will stop by the Mystery Tour table to receive another clue in the mystery...as well as any tips or tricks that may help with that step.

In August, we will have a workshop day to get you well on your way in the final assembly. Are you just a little curious? Instructions will be written for both a lap-sized quilt (that could easily be expanded into a bed quilt) and a table runner/topper.

2024 will mark the 40th Anniversary of the Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild!

We plan to Celebrate this milestone during the June 2024 Meeting.

We would like to put a challenge out to the guild. “What kind of Challenge” you ask? With the 40th Anniversary stone being ruby, let’s go red and white! Here are the details...

- Must be Red and White only.
- We will let you decide how much of each color.
- Any design.
- Must be 24” x 24” square. No bigger, no smaller
- 100% made and quilted by the guild member

These quilts will be displayed at the 40th Anniversary celebration.

If you would like to help with the planning, that will be appreciated. Always looking for ideas. Please email Lynn Scheimann at lscheimann@comcast.net or any of the members on the Programs committee.

Opportunity Quilt Update

Please remember to bring any remaining opportunity quilt blocks to the November guild meeting. If you can't attend, please send them with a friend or contact Eileen Uchima to make arrangements. Many thanks to those of you who returned block units to the October meeting. The committee is working hard with those blocks while we wait for the rest.

Remember, this is **YOUR** guild and we need all of you to make a successful quilt show possible!



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
- Travel Quilt Team (2)
- Vendors
- Quilt Labels
- Judges
- Quilt Flyer
- Silent Auction (2)
- Strip Search (2)
- Raffle Baskets (3)
- Exterior Signage
- Publicity (2)

Philanthropy

The Philanthropy team wishes to give a heartfelt thank you to all who donated completed quilts, tops and pillowcases in the last several months. As a result of your generosity, we recently were able to donate 34 quilts to Angel Grace Hospice in Bolingbrook, and 21 quilts to Joliet Pregnancy Resource Center. Please know that your donations are very much appreciated by the recipients. For example, we recently received this lovely note from the Joliet Pregnancy Resource Center:

Philanthropy Cont.

*“Dear Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild,
Thank you so much for the recent donation of beautiful quilts to our center. We are excited to offer these wonderful handmade quilts to our client. Thank you for your many hours of work and your generosity.”*

Philanthropy will accept 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

November and December Birthdays

Karen Watts	Nov 9
Frank Karls	Nov 11
Amy Ganden	Nov 14
Kathy Meuller	Nov 16
Nancy Rowley	Nov 16
Laura McCormack	Nov 22
Sandy Piatak	Nov 30
Denise Krusenoski	Dec 4
Sandy Fuehrmeyer	Dec 15
Melanie Hinds	Dec 15
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)
- **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**