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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](mailto:lpoulo1@gmail.com) know of anyone who might need a card.



## A Message from Jennifer Henry, President

It's getting to be that time again for nominations for the 2024 Pride of the Prairie Board. Yes, this is only September, but we don't meet in December. We'll be voting on the new board in February and there is a lot to do before then.

As stated in the By-Laws, no board member may hold one office for more than two consecutive terms. Therefore, all our board members will be leaving their current positions. We will be needing a Nominating Committee made up of one board member and two non-board members. This committee is to be selected no later than our November meeting.

We are also in need of filling the Co-Chair positions for Quilt Show 2025. Ideally, there would be three Co-Chairs. This lightens the load for each Co-Chair, and it really is "the more the merrier"!

I would like to ask each of our members to seriously consider stepping up to fill one of our open positions. For myself, being on the POP Board in various positions, has been both a blessing and a growing experience. I know that any of the Board members and Quilt Show Co-Chairs would be happy to share their experience of serving.

Thank you for volunteering!

## Upcoming meeting information

**September 21, 2023 - Sarah Maylath** – Notion demonstrations. Products will be available to order or purchase at the meeting.

**September 23 & 24 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. See the next page for more detailed information.

**October 19, 2023 – Fall Silent Auction and Garage Sale** - The October meeting will be not only be a silent auction but also a garage sale! We have a lot of great items. It will be a fun night full of great deals.

We are also excited to share with you that we have acquired a **FEATHERWEIGHT** sewing machine for the Auction!

Email invites have gone out to guilds in the area. You won't want to miss this meeting! Bring a friend! We are waiving the guest fee for this night. **We will accept cash or checks only.**

**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.



## SAVE THE DATES!! Sept 23rd and 24th

POP has once again signed up for [Global Quilt Connection All-Star Sampler Platter](#). Links will be sent later... **Featuring 18 Fabulous Virtual Quilt Teachers**

### Saturday Sept 23, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

Kelly Ashton: Kelly's "Partial" to Partial Seams; You Can Be, Too!

Dara Tomasson: Doodles to dazzling designs

Jennifer Houlden: Creating Eye Catching Fabric Runs is as Easy As 1-2-3

Beth Cunningham: POP! POP! Punch Needle(an ancient embroidery technique)

Katie Lewis: No-Reverse Applique Design Transfer

Cyndi McChesney: Surprising settings for Multi Image panels

Emma Powell: Itty Bitty Dolls for Applique based on South American Arpilleras

Dana Jones: Demystifying Design for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP)

Lyric Kinard: Foil + Fabric = Fun!

### Sunday Sept 24, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

Nanette Zeller: Painterly Applique Using Colored Pencils

Elizabeth DeCroos: A Quilt that's not a Quilt

Julia McLeod: The 4 'S's of Piecing with Silk

Jane Hauprich: Fear The Negative No More!!

Carole Lyles Shaw: Vibrant Stitching - Big Stitch Hand Quilting

Melissa Marginet: Dot-to-Dot Walking Foot Quilting

David Owen Hastings: Backing, Binding, Batting, Beauty: designing a quilt from back to front

Stephanie McIntyre: Sew Sustainably! Recycled Leather Reverse Appliqué

Kristin Echols: Add a Bold Seminole Band to Your Next Project

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## 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](mailto:lscheimann@comcast.net) or any of the members on the Programs committee.



# 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)

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## Philanthropy

Thank you to all who have donated quilts to Philanthropy for this year's session of Edward Hospital's Camp Hope. We received a very nice thank you card from the kids who attended, along with some pictures of the children with their quilts. The camp coordinators couldn't say enough about how much the kids loved their quilts!

You have also given a generous number of quilts over the summer to Philanthropy! Thank you for your contributions! We plan on donating them to nursing homes and Edward Hospital's Cancer Center over the next few weeks. As always, we are continuing to collect all size quilts. Patterns and kits will be available at the Philanthropy table at every meeting.


Thank you for all of your help!! Lynn Bogue, Diane Swaney-Smith, & Sandi McHenney

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## Ornaments for our Troops -

Operation Support our Troops Is looking for hand made ornaments to that can easily be tucked into the stockings that they ship to our troops. They are looking to fill 5000 stockings and expect to start filling them in October. Julie Guise is the contact for these donations and will be available to pick up your donations at the October meeting. Thank you!

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# Out and About and In Our Backyard

All Illinois Shop Hop began August 1 and runs through September 30

This is the second year of this annual event and you must purchase a booklet from a participating shop in order to receive the discounts – contact our local shops to see if they have any available.



Madison, WI

Alliant Energy Center

September 7-9, 2023

Thursday and Friday: 9am to 6pm

Saturday 9am to 5pm



Grand Rapids, MI

DeVos Place Convention Center

September 13-16, 2023

Wednesday – Friday 9am to 5 pm

Saturday 9am to 4pm

Des Moines, IA

Iowa Events Center

September 27-30, 2023

Wednesday – Friday 9am to 5 pm

Saturday 9am to 4pm

## Illinois Guild Shows

Faithful Circle Quilters

A Quilt Odyssey Quilt Show

September 23-24, 2023

Saturday 9am to 5pm

Sunday 10 to 4pm

Jefferson Junior High School

7200 Janes Avenue

Woodridge, IL

Kankakee Quiltmakers

Autumn Splendor Quilt Show

September 29 & 30, 2023

Friday 9am to 5pm

Saturday 9am to 3pm

Kankakee First Church of Nazarene

1000 N. Entrance Kankakee, IL

## 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 25
Eileen Diercks	Oct 31



## 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



## Are you on Social media?

If you are on Instagram, please remember to use our hashtag #prideoftheprairiequilters when posting your work. We would love to see all the work of our members!

Do you have a Facebook account? Are you a member of the P.O.P Virtual Bee private group? This group was started during Covid to have a private way of communicating with other members of our guild. It is open to current members only and if you are interested in joining the group, please contact one of the group administrators, Jennifer Henry or Laura McCormack to get you added to the group. It is a wonderful way for us to stay in touch and only members can see what is posted. This group is not the same as the Pride of the Prairie Quilters Facebook page where any and all updates can be found.

**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**