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## Pride of the Prairie Quilters

### **BITS & PIECES - Kathy Mueller, President**

Is it Spring Yet??? Enough with the snow! Enough with inches of rain at one time!

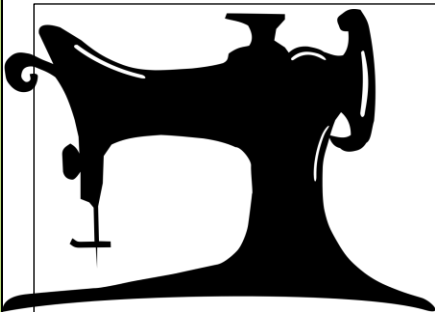
For those going to Paducha (or other shop hop fun), drive safe, don't overspend (yeah, right!) and have fun. For those going to the Spring Retreat in Racine, drive safe and RACE YOU TO THE LAKE GLASS!!!!!!

The first few days of March are going to be really busy for us with the Quilt Show on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. I can't wait to see all our fabulous quilts on display, great shopping finds from a wide selection of vendors, additional shopping opportunities (raffle baskets, silent auction, strip search, magazines and books), tasty baked goods, quilt appraisals, and crazy fun with our guild members. And Scissor Sharpening! Be sure to volunteer somewhere at the show (standing and sitting jobs available) and join in the fun.

Our 2018 Program schedule is full of interesting, fun speakers and workshops and Saturday Sewing. There are 3 Quilt Retreats scheduled – Racine in April and September and Cedar Lake in July.

And I am excited about our Member Photo Directory that Nancy Sturgeon is putting together for us. I don't know about you, but I can remember faces much better than a name and this Directory will really help me put the two together. Be sure to see her at the next meeting and get your photo taken so you can be included.

That is quite a full schedule for 2018! So many ways to get involved with your Guild, meet your fellow quilters and make new friends. I hope you all join in.



OUR NEXT SEW-IN IS APRIL 14, 2018 AT THE CHURCH.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

As a Pride of the Prairie Guild member, part of each members OBLIGATION is to sign up for at least one 2-hour time slot during the show. Friday set-up and Sunday take-down do not count.

There are still many time slots to be filled

- Books/magazines Saturday pm
- Strip search Saturday pm / Sunday am & pm
- Silent auction Saturday am / Sunday pm
- Quilt check - in and runners Friday after 4:00
- Quilt take down Sunday 4:00
- Guild table Saturday pm / Sunday am & pm
- Bake sale Saturday pm / Sunday am & pm
- Show props Saturday/ Sunday am & pm
- Gym entrance greeters (1 hour time slot) Saturday am & pm / Sunday am & pm

\*\*\*\*WHITE GLOVE HOSTING IN GYM & GYM GREETERS\*\*\*\*\*

These are one (1) hour time slots. If you have only signed up for this it does not meet membership requirements so please consider signing up in an additional time slot.

Personal: For my first show, everyone kept saying how much fun it is. Yeah, yeah, yeah! I was not a believer. This is my 3rd or 4th show and I was and will be there everyday having fun. Yes, it is work too, but you get to work along other members and get to know them. Another face to say hello to at a meeting

We all need to do our part to make this show as successful as our past shows have been

Thank you  
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## Quilt Show Wrap-Up

Be sure to attend the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as we review all our 2018 Quilt Show success. Reports will be given, stories told and award winners will bring their quilts for us to enjoy. And the big event of the night—the winner of “Sensational Stars from the Prairie” will be drawn. Although you do not have to be present to win, the excitement in the air is felt and you don’t want to miss it. Just ask Peggy Young, the winner of the 2016 Opportunity Quilt. She was at the meeting when her name was drawn. It was so exciting and memorable to have one of our long-time, deserving guild members win! This April, it could be you-- it only takes that one ticket. Be sure to be there!!!!!!

NOW IS THE TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT CHAIRING THE 2020 QUILT SHOW.

WE ALSO NEED SOMEONE TO BE THE QUILT DESIGN TEAM!



## 2018 Cedar Lake Quilting Retreat

This summer, we will be having our 4<sup>th</sup> quilting retreat at Cedar Lake Ministries, in Cedar Lake, IN. The dates are from July 22 – July 26, 2018. You may arrive either Sunday, July 22, or Monday, July 23. It is about 1 hour 10 minutes away from Shorewood/Joliet.

We will be quilting in the lower level of The Oaks, which is also our dining hall. Our sewing rooms overlook the beautiful shore of Cedar Lake. Meals will be served Sunday (or Monday) evening, depending on arrival, through Thursday breakfast.

We have a number of different housing options with a variety of price points for you to consider. You will also have some optional activities to choose from, such as S'Mores at the fire-pit, a pontoon boat ride, and kayaking at the beach, to name a few. The area is restful and has some lovely areas to walk.

The website for the ministry center is: [www.cedarlakeministries.org](http://www.cedarlakeministries.org). There, you can see some of the housing options, grounds, beach area, etc. Because this is a ministry center, no alcohol is permitted. This retreat will be highlighted during the upcoming guild meetings. You can either stop at our display area at the meetings for more information, or you can email me at: [quiltermom@comcast.net](mailto:quiltermom@comcast.net).

Won't you join the fun?

Carol O'Dell

## Spring Retreat

Think Spring Break for You!!! The spring retreat is a perfect time for you to take time for yourself at the Siena Center in Racine, WI. Things should be greening up outside and the ice should be off the lake so the shoreline should be ripe for lake glass picking. Keep your quilting momentum going as you work on your quilts for the 2020 quilt show and enjoy 4 days of fun with your fellow quilters.

Dates are Monday, April 23<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. You can still sign up with a deposit of \$50. Total cost will be \$272. If you have any questions call Kathy Mueller, 815-436-3883 or my cell 815-953-6601, [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com)

## Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars for the Fall Retreat at Siena Center in Racine-Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The dates are really odd, I know, but that was all that was available when this was booked 2 years ago. The cost will be determined when the new rates are available after August 1<sup>st</sup>.



## National Park Service Quilt Exhibit

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is hosting a largescale exhibit of quilts that honor the National Park Service in celebration of the NPS 100 year anniversary. The exhibit includes 177 quilts in sets of 3 depicting 59 parks. They will be on exhibit from June 17<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 different Forest Preserve Locations in Will County: Four Rivers Environmental Education Center (Channahon), Sugar Creek Administration Center (Laraway Rd, Joliet), Plum Creek Nature Center (Crete Township near Beecher) and Isle a la Cache Museum (Romeoville).

The Forest Preserve has reached out to our Guild to assist with the exhibit at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville as docents. This would be mostly on weekends (Saturday 10 a.m. -4 p.m. and Sunday Noon – 4 p.m.). I am hoping we can get a few volunteers to do this as part of our giving back to our community. Take a look at the exhibit link, <http://www.npscentennialquilts.com> . The quilts are stunning! Let me know if you are interested in helping (Kathy Mueller, [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com), 815-953-6601).

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

### **MARCH AND APRIL**

Sandi McHenry – March 1  
Carol O'Dell – March 2  
Christine Williams – March 3  
Carol Singleton – March 4  
Glynis Weigel – March 9  
Kathy Meier – March 9  
Betty Jo Chaplin – March 10  
Marianne Murphy – March 11  
Patricia Gill – March 15  
Marjorie McNichols – March 18  
LeeAnn Grabon – March 19  
Glynis Orłowski – March 21  
Aneila Levin – March 23  
Sharon Zabransky – March 24  
Leslie Nyckel – March 25  
Elaine Salato – March 26  
Geri MacRoy – March 29  
Christie Hardt – March 31  
Valli Schiller – March 31

Julie Karlak – April 4  
Jinnie Van Huss – April 14  
Lisa Madej – April 15  
Susan Turnholt – April 20  
Olive Hermann – April 21  
Cathy Lucas – April 26  
Kim Nimtz – April 26  
Sharon Thomsen – April 29

## PROGRAM NEWS

Our speaker for March is Susan Knapp of The Quilt Branch. Her lecture is "Branching Out". Susan is the creator of the Creative Grids House Ruler and designer of the "Six Halves Make a Whole" series of patterns and books. There's still time to sign up for the March 16th workshop with Susan ("Bow Tie Gala"; <https://www.quiltbranch.com/160-bow-tie-gala.html>). To sign up, send a check for \$59.00 (workshop plus pattern), made out to POP, to:

Laura Blanchard,  
842 Colchester Dr.  
Oswego, IL 60543

A supply list will be e-mailed to those who sign up by mail. If you received a supply list and misplaced it, one is available on the POP website or can be requested from [laura@plumtreequilts.com](mailto:laura@plumtreequilts.com). Susan will teach us how to use the Creative Grids House Ruler (<https://www.creativegridsusa.com/products/CGRQB1>). The ruler, which is required for the workshop, will be available at the reduced price of \$24.00 on the day of class. The workshop will be held at our meeting place, Zion Lutheran Church, 11007 Book Road, Naperville from 9:30 - 3:30. Those who have signed up will be receiving an e-mail to choose their sandwich from Pot Belly. Chips, cookies and water will also be provided.

Also, signups will continue at the March meeting for the May 18th workshop, "Twist and Shout Tote" (<https://www.perkinsdrygoods.com/product/twist-and-shout-tote/>) presented by Celine Perkins of Perkins Dry Goods. The fee for workshop plus pattern is \$59.00. The workshop will be held at Robert's Sewing Center, 2011 Weber Road, Crest Hill from 10 - 4.

The following is a list of programs through July:

**March 15/16, 2018: Susan Knapp of The Quilt Branch** (<http://www.quiltbranch.com/>), designer of the Creative Grids House Rulers. Lecture: "Branching Out"; workshop: "Bow Tie Gala". Workshop time and location: 9:30 - 3:30, Zion Lutheran Church, 11007 Book Road, Naperville.

**April 19, 2018: Quilt Show Wrap-up**

**May 17/18, 2018: Celine Perkins, Perkins Dry Goods** ([www.perkinsdrygoods.com](http://www.perkinsdrygoods.com)). Lecture: Dinner Plate Quilting; workshop: Twist and Shout Tote. Workshop time and location: 10 - 4, Robert's Sewing Center, 2011 Weber Road, Crest Hill.

**June 21, 2018: Picnic and silent auction**

**July 19/20, 2018: Annette Ornellas, Southwind Design** (<http://www.southwindquilts.com/>). Lecture: "Dimensional Curved Piecing or Peeled-Back Patchwork"; workshop: "Waves of Glory".

Thanks!  
Laura Blanchard  
Olive Herman  
Programs



Thank You, Guild Members!

The donations from all of our guild members for the Raffle Baskets resulted in over 40 baskets - and other items - to be available at the 2018 Quilt Show. This is more baskets than we have had since I became a member in 2009!

It has been fun to work with my committee members to fill and arrange the wide variety of baskets. We're lucky to get first view of all the beautiful fabrics, helpful books, wonderful patterns and other goodies that fortunate people can win!

Seven Bees stepped up to donate baskets and guild member Dorothy Mashek contributed two!

We feel blessed and thankful to belong to such a wonderful and generous group of dedicated quilters!

The 2018 Raffle Basket Committee



The remaining books of our library will be given to the book committee to sell at the Quilt Show.

## QUILT SHOWS TO CHECK OUT

### 2018 Q.U.I.L.T.S. Biennial Quilt Show

March 16 – 10-6 pm

March 17 – 10-4pm

Springfield, Illinois

[www.springfieldquilts.com](http://www.springfieldquilts.com)



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### Heartland Quilter's Guild 2018 Quilt Show

#### **In my Garden**

March 17 – 9 – 4 pm

Heartland Baptist Church

4500 N. Humbert Rd.

Alton, Il.

### Arthur's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show

April 19-21, 2018

10-4, Saturday 10-3pm

[www.arthuril.us](http://www.arthuril.us)

### Kalona Quilt Show & Sale

#### **April 26 "Evening Only" 5-8**

April 27 - 9 – 7

April 28 – 9-5

[www.WoodinWheel.com](http://www.WoodinWheel.com)





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