



# Prairie Threads

Prairie Piecemakers Newsletter

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April 2024

## SPRING IS HERE!!!!

I am hoping for April Showers to give way to beautiful May flowers. This quilt year is already coming to an end, and I have certainly enjoyed being in charge of our guild activities. I am so proud of how we have grown in membership since covid. We are going out with a bang this year with our Salad Supper, Garage Sale, and Challenge Project for our April Guild Meeting.

Also, our guild is participating with Eco Fair, Bess Streeter Aldrich House in Elmwood, Nebraska and The Bed Turning in the flower garden at the May Museum. I want to thank the Steering Committee and each guild member for their contribution to this successful guild.

Always quilting!! Anita Groh, president

## Our Next Meeting, April Salad Supper

Monday, April 29, First Lutheran Church Fremont

We ask members to bring one of the following food items. Here's the breakdown by last names. Salads should serve **8 to 10 people**.

A-G desserts

H - L breads/crackers

M - Z salads



**Bring your food item and serving spoon, garage sale item, and post card between 6:15 and 6:30. We will begin serving the salad buffet shortly after 6:30. Don't forget cash for the garage sale.**

**Greeters:** Marilyn Freeman, Ann Martin, Jill Norenberg

**Hostesses:** Danielle Smith, Carissa Sauer, Teri Wolfe, Sue Steier, Marilyn Freeman, Ellen Stigge

**Door Prizes:** Wanda Kruger, Pat Mommsen, Pam Schroeder, Sue Steier, Linda True

**Quilt Holders:** Joani Schelm, Sue Steier, Danielle Smith, Lisa Braasch

**Community Service** – Six Pence – large size diapers (5-6), baby wipes and shoes (any size).

Thanks again. Jill Norenberg

## Quilters Garage Sale – April Meeting



**GARAGE SALE**



Hope everyone is doing some spring cleaning and gathering up any quilting and needlework items for the garage sale. Please package up and price items for sale at the garage sale. Package fabrics into clear plastic bags to make it easier for picking up during the sale. Items can include, yardage, fat quarters, cakes, charms, etc. as well as books and patterns. You may also consider sewing notions, thread or any other

items used in quilting or any type of needlework. Bring the items to the April meeting and we will repurpose them to those that can use them. Everyone will need to bring their cash to purchase things that they want. Please price everything in \$.25 increments for ease in making change. Proceeds will be used by the guild at the discretion of the steering committee. If the items do not sell, please make sure you pick them up and take them home with you as we do not have any place to go with the items.

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## Gentle Reminder – April is the Challenge Project

Please bring your fabric postcard that you received to the April Quilt Guild meeting. The postcards will be judged with first and second place prizes.

If you haven't completed your fabric postcard, please do so and bring it to the April meeting for your recipient. *\*\*We have found that the postcards take longer to mail, so if you haven't sent your postcard to your recipient, we are asking you to bring it to the April meeting instead of mailing it. \*\**

If you still need ideas, there are links below:

[Post Cards...Make and Mail book by Beth Davis \(thriftbooks.com\)](#)

[Fabric postcards Ideas - Search Images \(bing.com\)](#)

[Quilted Postcards - Search Images \(bing.com\)](#)



## Nominations for Guild Board 2024-2025 - Elections during the April meeting.

President. LuAnn Franzluebbbers

Vice president. Julie Robinson, Sue Arp

Secretary. Danielle Smith

Treasurer. Theresa Winter

Members at large. Anita Groh, Lisa Braasch



## Committee Chairman for 2024-2025 – Appointed positions

Community Service. Jill Norenberg

Door Prizes. Mary Lou Carlson, Marilyn Applebee

Greeters/ HOLDERS/ FOLDERS. Carisa Sauer, Teri Wolfe

Hostesses. Leslie Parr, Jayne Strangehoener

Membership. Pam Schroeder

Challenge Project. Marilyn Bonow, Sandi McDuffee

IQM. Kathy Murphy, Marilyn Applebee

Newsletter. Tina Mommens

Yearbook. Chris Hoffman

Publicity/Social Media. Carroll Welte

Live Stream. Stephanie True-Corr

January Retreat. Sue Steier, Sally Christiansen

December Christmas. Janet Shamburg, Bev Schmidt

Quilt Show Chairmen. Sue Augustin, Pat Mommsen

Garage Sale. Lisa Braash, Pat Mommsen

Nominating Committee. Sue Arp, Marilyn Bonow

Quilt Mom. Luann Franzluebbbers

2024-25 Dues Forms are attached to this newsletter. Pay your dues early to make sure you get the August Newsletter!

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## Spring and Summer Events

**Nebraska State Quilt Guild – Quilters Day Out.** April 20, 10:30 to 2:30 at Nebraska Quilt Company, Fremont. Register [nsqgdisrict2@gmail.com](mailto:nsqgdisrict2@gmail.com) or 402-201-9532 Lunch \$10. Featuring Stash Bandit – Make Extraordinary Scrap Quilts.

### International Quilt Museum

- ◇ *World War I Quilts*, the Sue Reich Collection now through April 13, 2024, Coryell Gallery
- ◇ *A New Deal for Quilts* now through April 20, 2024, Gottsch Gallery
- ◇ *Multifaceted* by Katie Pasquini Masopust now through May 4, 2024, in the Von Seggern Gallery.
- ◇ *Sue Spargo A Journey in Quilting* now to August 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Colona Iowa Quilt Guild** is having a quilt show and sale April 25-27.

**Iowa Quilt Festival, June 5 to 7, 2024** Winterset Iowa. Classes, Museum Tours, *Airing of the Quilts* - \$25.00. More information at: [iowaquiltmuseum.org](http://iowaquiltmuseum.org)

### Aldrich House – Prairie Piecemakers to Show 15 Quilts

Aldrich House Quilt Exhibit runs Wednesday, May 22 through Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 204 East F Street in Elmwood, Nebraska. The theme is a “Mother Nature’s Quilt Show.” The house is open Wed. Thurs. Sat and Sunday from 1pm to 4pm.

**Quilt Nebraska 2023** – July 21-23, Kearney. National Speakers, Sheila Frampton-Cooper, Candyce Grisham, Catherine Redford. More information on their website at: [nsqg.org](http://nsqg.org).

## 2024 Quilt Show – *Trip Through the Quilt Galaxy*

Friday, October 18, 9am – 7pm

Saturday, October 19, 9am – 4pm

First Lutheran Church, 3200 E. Military Ave., Fremont, NE

### Dana Village Quilts Needed

Lutheran Family Services is asking for Quilts for Dana Village in Blair opening this August. As part of the Angel Share Program, 61 apartments and renovated dormitories will be available for 19-year old’s exiting out of the Foster Care Program in Nebraska. They hope to house 150 young adults and would like to have a quilt for each bed. Quilts can be twin or full sized and should be delivered to Emily Rasmussen. 402-426-4869 or [ea323ras@hotmail.com](mailto:ea323ras@hotmail.com).

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## Quilts in the Garden

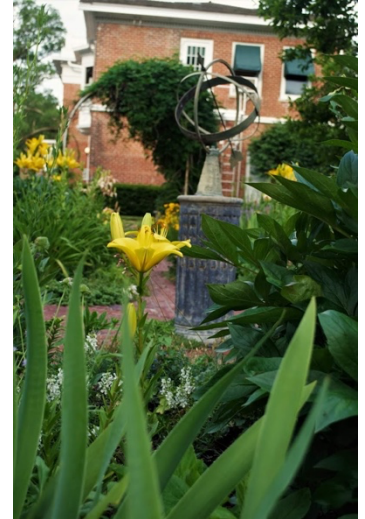
Monday, June 24, 2023, 6:30pm

Louis E. May Museum 1643 N Nye Avenue, Fremont

The program will begin at 7:00 pm and will feature beautiful quilts made by our guild members. We will take the quilts off the bed and hold them up like we do for show & tell during guild. We will read a story about the quilt as it is shown.

The *Quilts in the Garden* event is open to Prairie Piecemakers members. **Tickets are \$5.00.** Proceeds go to the May Museum. After the first 60 tickets are sold, we will open the event to your friends and guests. We will only sell 100 tickets.

Quilts can be any size. They can be previously shown at a quilt show or meeting or something new. **Forms are due by the end of April.** Quilts should arrive at the event by 6:00 pm **with the number attached to the quilt(s).** Members will take their quilts home after the program. Susan Williams & Debra Schroeder



*Quilts in the Garden Forms are attached to this newsletter.*

## 2024 Quilt Show Chairs and Co-chairs

All our slots for quilt show chairs and co-chairs have been filled! A HUGE thank-you to everyone who has volunteered! A meeting has been scheduled for MAY 6 from 6-6:30 PM at First Lutheran Church for ALL CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS. We will discuss plans for the quilt show and schedule for volunteers for each committee. Thank you again for your willingness to serve!!!!



### COMMITTEE

Publicity, Advertising, Signs  
Quilt Check In and Check Out  
Decorations  
Quilt Labels and Signs for Quilts  
Vendors  
Hanging Quilts and Small Items  
  
Quilt Mom and Raffle Ticket Sales  
Kitchen  
Reception for Featured Quilter  
Admissions/White Gloves/Name  
Silent Auction  
Housekeeping  
Parking  
Quilt Show Treasurer

### CHAIR

Deb Schroeder  
Loraine Smith  
Marilyn Bonow  
Carroll Welte  
Susan Williams  
Janet Shamburg  
  
LuAnn Franzluebbbers  
Sue Arp  
Sue Steier, Colette Garton  
Anita Groh  
Leslie Thompson  
Marilyn Appleby  
Pam Schroeder  
Lisa Braasch

### CO-CHAIR

Jodie Reeh  
Jill Norenberg  
Joyce Roberts  
Cheryl Dickmeyer  
Theresa Winter  
Bev Schmidt, Marilyn Appleby,  
Marilyn Bonow (small items)  
Lisa Braasch  
Danielle Smith, Carrisa Sauer  
Nancy Hilgenkamp  
Lisa Braasch  
Sally Christiansen  
Ann Martin  
Marilyn Freeman

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## Quilt Show Silent Auction

Calling all Prairie Piecemakers to assist in donating items for the silent auction for our "Trip Through the Quilt Galaxy" quilt show in October. The silent auction is a fund raiser for our guild. Last year we did themed baskets. You can do that again or donate some homemade or boughten items. The items do not need to be sewing related. This note is just a little reminder for you or your small group to begin thinking about what you will make or donate. When we meet again in August, we will only have a couple of months before the quilt show, so perhaps you want to work on this over the summer. Please track and provide an estimate of your cost for the item so we can use that to set prices for the auction. Have an enjoyable, creative summer. Leslie Thompson – Silent Auction Chairman



## Prairie Piecemakers Treasurers Report

03/01-03/31/2024

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Checking account Balance	\$17,814.34
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### Income:

Membership-2024-2025	\$ 1,520.00
Quilt in Garden Bed Turning	\$ 130.00
Quilt show raffle quilt 2024	<u>\$426.00</u>
Total Income:	\$2,076.00

### Expenses:

Retreat Refund	\$90.00
Program	\$1,235.40
International Quilt Museum	\$350.00
Ne. State Quilt Guild	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,700.40

<b>Ending Balance-Checking</b>	<b>\$18,189.94</b>
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## Guild Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2024

Motion to call the business meeting to order by Leslie Thompson, seconded by Joyce Roberts.

- Motion to approve February minutes by Les Par, seconded by Tina Mommens
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Lisa Braasch, seconded by Marilyn Freeman
- Thanks to the ECO Fair volunteers and donations for Duet. Next month donations will be for diapers.
- 88 attending the meeting this evening with 10 guests
- Reminder to bring postcards to the April meeting
- 2025 retreat will be January 10-11, 2025
- For the quilt show, we still need volunteers and co-chairs. Almost all the raffle tickets have been picked up. There will be a meeting with all the chairs and co-chairs before the steering team meeting in May. An email reminder will be sent.
- For the garage sale, mark all fabric with width and yardage. Payment will be cash or check only.

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- Reminder that Quilts in the Garden will be June 24th at the May Museum. More folders and holders are needed.
  - Business cards for Prairie Piecemakers are available. Please take some and give them out.
  - Thanks to all that accepted a position for the 24/25 year!
- Motion to adjourn by Pam Schroeder, seconded by Sue Steier

## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

**April 1, 2024**

Motion to call meeting to order by Jill Norenberg, seconded by Danielle Smith

- Correction from last month's newsletter: Jill Norenberg was contacted by Covered Waters. Last month's donation will go to them as planned.
  - All presenters for next year are confirmed. A picture and description will be needed for the yearbook.
  - Everything for the yearbook will need to be sent to Chris Hoffman no later than June 30th for the yearbook.
  - Marilyn Applebee will oversee door prizes for the upcoming year
  - Motion made by Susan Williams, seconded by Tina Mommens to include Scott Flanagan as an honorary member.
  - Postcards for the challenge will be displayed at the April meeting. There will be prizes for the 1st and 2nd place as voted on by meeting attendees. A reminder will be put in the newsletter.
  - Monday, May 6th will be the turnover of the steering committee team.
  - Discussion on the upcoming salad lunch at the April meeting. Recommendation that everyone bring a "normal" sized salad to avoid having too much food. Everyone should bring a serving spoon.
  - Discussed ideas on how to decrease the length of the guild meetings and better organize when presenters have merchandise for sale. Discussed a different table arrangement and having merchandise sales available ahead of the presentation. Will need to contact speakers ahead of their meeting to discuss.
  - Contact information provided for the church contact to make table and configuration changes.
  - For the Bess Streeter Aldrich display, we must submit pictures of quilts and they will choose what they want for the display. The theme is nature inspired.
  - Quilts are still needed for the bed turning.
  - The nominating committee has completed their work. All positions have been filled for 24/25.
  - Dates will be set for the 24/25 budget committee and the audit committee.
  - Mangelsens reached out to put up a display. This will be discussed for the April meeting.
  - Lutheran Family Services is requesting quilts for young adults that are aging out of the foster care system. These will go to a residence facility in Blair. ACME in Blair has a flyer with the information on the quilts needed.
  - Tina Mommens will be monitoring the mailbox for 24/25.
  - Pat Mommsen brought examples of flags for the quilt show. These will be put at the entrances on the day of the show. Committee agreed to order 2 of these signs and Pat will get them ordered. Committee also agreed not to use the small signs for the quilt show.
  - The Fremont Chamber has a monthly newsletter. The guild could put something in there about the quilt show.
  - Lisa Braasch will be the treasurer for the quilt show.
  - For housekeeping for the quilt show we will need to request more trash cans with wheels from the church and inquire about using the refrigerator.
  - For the garage sale, 6 long tables will be needed and will be set up in the back of the room. Try to price everything in multiples of \$.25.
  - There are 30 raffle ticket packs that have not been picked up yet.
  - Turnover meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 6:30 pm. Current committee members need to bring notebooks with updated information from past year.
- Motion by Pam Schroeder, 2nd by Pat Mommsen to adjourn

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