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## From the president's desk

Spring has finally found us! The days are brighter and longer, the spring bulb flowers are blooming and the allergy season has begun.

PSQG will begin its new year shortly too!! Please join me at our Annual meeting on April 27th. Members will approve the slate of nominations for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors, approve the 2015-2016 Budget, acknowledge the retiring board, and be the first to hear who our Speakers will be for the year. This a joint meeting of both Chapters and, therefore, there will not be a Tuesday morning Chapter meeting.

Please Note - We will not have Show and Tell at the April meeting as we have a lot of fun things scheduled, as Barb Vlack notes in the article on the next page

Again, please join me and the Board, to prepare for the Guild's upcoming year and celebrate the Guild's 35th Anniversary. See you soon.

*Joyce Jaksa*  
*President*

## A quick note about tornado relief

The Community Projects committee has been seeking ways we can help the victims of the recent tornados here in Illinois. Some recently donated smaller quilts for the young will be given to Quilts of Compassion, which is organizing distribution. Lap size and larger quilts for adults, any colors except Holiday, can be dropped off by May 4<sup>th</sup> at Prairie Shop Quilts in Batavia. Any extra quilts can be returned to our guild.

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## Next newsletter deadline:

May 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Send info to [beckyh@rchconsulting.com](mailto:beckyh@rchconsulting.com).

## Happy 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

### April 27, 2015: PSQG Annual Business Meeting and Celebration of 35 Years as a Guild

This is a joint meeting of both chapters and will be held only Monday evening – there will be no Tuesday morning chapter meeting. After the business meeting we will **celebrate with an anniversary party!** What's a party without cake and hoopla of some sort? Some members have offered to do demonstrations of tips and tricks to add to your quilting toolbox. We'll have an open mike time for reminiscing about the guild's history since 1980 (make it **short** and **sweet**). And **you're invited** to contribute to a display of cute and/or unusual pin cushions – label yours prominently with your name (so you get it back!) and bring one or two or three to share as eye candy. We'll set up a table or two as needed for a showing of great ideas. You're sure to be asked for the pattern, so please be prepared to share the pattern source (no giveaways of copyrighted material).

We'll also have some in-house demos from members, including Gwyneth Johnson (yo-yos), Claire Erickson (scrappy 4-patches), Kathy Steere (painting on fabric), and Betty Losselyong (pothugger).

You won't want to miss the party ... and the annual meeting!

*Barb Vlask*

## Budget

The highlights of the budget being put forward by the Board for your approval will be shared at the April business meeting. If you would like a copy of the entire budget, please email Lynn Murphy at [drslm@comcast.net](mailto:drslm@comcast.net).

*Lynn Murphy*  
*Treasurer*

## 2015-2016 nominations

The new Board of Directors of the Prairie Star Guild will be presented and voted on at the April 27<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting. New committee chairman will also be introduced. I hope to see lots of members there!

### Executive board nominations

President                                      Joyce Jaksa  
Programs Vice President      Joanne Sattler



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Evening Vice President	Susie Wing
Daytime Vice President	Gail Myers
Secretary	Diane Hubberts
Treasurer	Sue Balsiger

### Board nominations

Membership	Juanita Brook*
	Chris Berry*
	Teresa Kasch*
Newsletter	Alissa Kantola
Education	Edith Hubbard
Media Chair	Yvonne Richter
Bee Keeper	Dawn Schultz
Library	Liz Fitzgerald
Community Projects	Debbie Long*
	Kathy Secor*
Contracts 2015-2016	Cindy Krelle*
	Teresa Kasch*
Nominations	Susan Strasser
Quilt Show 2016 Co-Chairs	Chris Schwarz*
	Leslie Nyckel*

### Non-board positions

Historian	Erica Barrett
July Picnic	Diane Moore
Fall & Spring Retreats	Linda Salerno*
	Barbara Carlson*
May Banquet	Barbara Stewart

\*Indicates Co-Chairs

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Wright, Chair, 2014-2015 Nominating Committee*

## Membership: Dues are due

Welcome to the 2015- 2016 guild year! All members (current and new) are required to fill out a membership form and pay dues of \$35, with an additional \$15 for those who desire the

## Happy birthday to ...



Sharron Evans	May 1
Melinda Van Dril-Beer	May 1
Jen Beatty	May 3
Carol Moore	May 4
Debbie Long	May 10
Ruth Marsh	May 10
Loraine Miranda	May 11
Lynn Fick	May 11
Judy Gould	May 11
Kim Sceggel	May 11
Cathy Lorenz	May 12
Catherine Urnezis	May 13
Barbara Gillespie	May 16
Mary Kline	May 16
Susie Shaddle	May 16
Caron Carlson	May 18
Gail Maggio	May 18
Lorraine Malecki	May 18
Barbara Burdette	May 22
Mary Zenger	May 22
Mary Ryan	May 24
Susan Wing	May 27
Mary Gehrke	May 28
Debbie Trant	May 29
Dorothy Andrews	May 30

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newsletter by mail (rather than by email). You can get this done quickly by doing one of the following:

- ❖ Download the Membership Form from our guild website, [www.psqg.org](http://www.psqg.org), complete the form, and either drop it off at a chapter meeting or mail it to Chris Berry at 470 N. Cambridge Drive, Geneva, IL 60134 along with your check to Prairie Star Quilt Guild (or PSQG).
- ❖ Complete a Membership Form (pick up at the Membership table as you check in) at your chapter meeting and turn in at the Membership table along with your check.

The 2015-2016 membership dues are to be paid by May 31, 2015. The guild appreciates your promptness in completing this form and paying your dues to avoid problems at a future meeting.

We look forward to welcoming back all our members and especially greeting new members as we get ready for a year of inspirational, informative and exciting meetings with our quilting guild family!

*Chris Berry, Juanita Brook and Teresa Kasch, Membership*

## Don't forget the charity sew-in Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>

We don't have a morning meeting in April due to the Monday evening Business meeting, so stop by any time Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to help us sew up pet beds, charity quilts, and the Bingo squares from the picnic. Morning members who would normally come to a meeting – come to sew instead! **Bring your machine and a rotary cutter.** If you have left over fabric you don't like that can be used for pillow covers, bring that along too. Fleece, flannel, heavy knit, corduroy, or anything else will do. If pieces aren't big enough we can sew them together. Also bring batting scraps for lining the pillows as well as scraps for stuffing. We have lots of fabric and scraps, so if you just want to sew we will have lots available for you to use; you don't need to bring anything other than your machine.

You can also help us with a design and sew up the Bingo squares from the picnic. We have over 140 squares that will make beautiful charity quilts with your help!

Please don't just dump scraps on us – come and sew a pet pillow or two so that you can put your own scraps in as you sew

## Community projects

Thank you to these guild members who turned in quilts in March:

- ❖ Nancy Aho
- ❖ Sue Batsiger
- ❖ Susan Carr
- ❖ Merna Cunningham
- ❖ Barbara Lies
- ❖ Lorraine Miranda
- ❖ Sue Needham
- ❖ Pat Noonan
- ❖ Dixie Riley
- ❖ Kim Sceggel
- ❖ Susie Shaddle
- ❖ Barb Tuman
- ❖ Pegi Twait

After receiving fidget and lap quilts from us. Arden Courts wrote: "Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation. Our residents will truly love them. We appreciate all you do to enrich our residents lives."

Quilts were also provided recently to children participating in support groups at Living Well Cancer Resource Center.

*Nancy Aho and Patricia Noonan*

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at home. Leslie will take all completed pillows to the Anderson Animal Shelter in South Elgin.

If you plan to stay for lunch, please bring something to pass, it will be potluck.

Just so we can plan for enough space and materials, please sign up at the April Business meeting, or email Leslie Nyckel if you plan to come.

Leslie Nyckel, [lnyckel@yahoo.com](mailto:lnyckel@yahoo.com)

## May Banquet: May 18, 2015 Eagle Brook Country Club

We are now taking both group and individual sign-ups for the May banquet but don't delay! **The deadline is Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

We can accommodate tables of eight, nine, or ten. For group sign-ups, one person is designated as the group's coordinator, responsible for completing [Group Banquet Sign-up](#) (available

on the Website or at the meeting), collecting money from the group, and submitting the sheet and money. This ensures that your group is seated at the same table. A group sheet can be completed for groups with 2 to 10 members. Please plan on submitting your group sheet or signing up as an individual at the April Guild meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send either your group sheet or your name and food selection along with a check to: Mary Stewart, 27W240 Waterford Dr., Winfield, IL 60190 by May 1st. The cost is \$35 per person.

Menu choices include Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast, Panko-Crusted Salmon or Cous Cous with Roasted Vegetables and Smoked Tomato Cream Sauce. All dinners include salad, dessert buffet and coffee or tea. There will also be a cash bar.

In keeping with our tradition of helping to stop hunger, we will be collecting canned food items for the Northern Illinois Food Depository. For every canned food donation, you will have a chance to win a gift certificate from one of our great local quilt shops. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 2014-2015 at a glance

Month	Speaker
April	In house demos after the Annual Meeting
May	Banquet speaker: Jan Krentz from San Diego, CA <a href="http://www.jankrentz.com">www.jankrentz.com</a>

## and a peek at 2015-2016

Month	Speaker
June	Karla Alexander from Uniontown, OH <a href="http://www.saginawstreetquilts.com">www.saginawstreetquilts.com</a>

### **For Sale: Gammill Classic Plus, 12 foot table \$9500.00**

**2003 model** with sit or stand pivotal access frame, swivel casters, edge rider wheels, stitch length regulator, two station needle position, dual control handles, vertical and horizontal channel locks, laser light with top and bottom mounts, on board bobbin winder, double capacity bobbin, horizontal small spool holder, and micro handles.

**Accessories include:** Gam Guide and Gam Guide Jr., open toe applique foot, work station with templates, 3 sets zipper leaders, Plexiglas pattern grid, extended throat plate, timing tool, bobbins, extra bobbin case, side clamps, set of hex wrenches, needles, service manual, 3 pantographs, extra check spring, needle screws, felt pads and encoder O-rings.

Machine has been professionally tuned every year.

**Purchaser is responsible for take down, pick up, transportation and set up.**

**Contact:** Claudia Moore  
[gammillclaudia555@aol.com](mailto:gammillclaudia555@aol.com)  
630-9070-1714

We look forward to seeing you at the Banquet!

*Susan Strasser and Mary Stewart, Activities*

## **Programs and workshops**

### **April 27: Annual business meeting**

See the announcement earlier in the newsletter for all the details about celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a guild.

### **May 18th Banquet: Jan Krentz**

Jan Krentz is a nationally recognized quilt instructor, author and designer. She is the winner of the coveted *Professional Quilter* magazine's 1998 Teacher of the Year award. Jan's motivating workshops are packed with practical tips, techniques and methods to insure success. She is the author of *Lone Star Quilts & Beyond*, *Hunter Star Quilts & Beyond*, *Diamond Quilts and Beyond*, *Quick Star Quilts & Beyond*, and *Quick Diamond Quilts*. Jan lives with her husband in Poway, California.

<http://www.jankrentz.com>

The banquet program will be her ***Great Star Review!*** which showcases a variety of star quilts from the traditional to the innovative art genre. It's an historic look at the traditional 8-point star designs, ranging from Lone Stars, Hunter Stars, and the new Diamond Quilts in a combination slide presentation with trunk show of beautiful quilts!

There are still openings in both of Jan Krentz workshops. ***Registration for these workshops is now available to non-members.*** Hurry to reserve your place! You won't want to miss taking one or both of these workshops from a Professional Teacher of the Year.

### **Monday workshop: Color Wash Hunter's Star**

The design features squares and triangles, creating an overall impressionist shore scene. A subtle diagonal arrangement allows Hunter Star intersections to appear throughout the design. This design is a featured pattern in *Hunter Star Quilts and Beyond*, ©2003 by Jan Krentz and C&T Publishing. The quilt was created using QuiltSmart foundation products.

Using a product designed specifically for Jan's Hunter Star, learn the technique to compose a scene on a fusible foundation that will sew up into a 15" x 15" finished panel. The example shown is 4 times larger than the class project but is offered as an inspiration from a previous workshop taught by Jan. (*Note*



### **Color Wash Hunter's Star workshop notes**

<b>Date</b>	Monday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
<b>Hours:</b>	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$55 Members \$65 Non-members
<b>Difficulty</b>	Intermediate (not your first quilt)
<b>Supply list link:</b>	<a href="#">Supply list</a>
<b>Non-member reg.</b>	Now open

*the structured placement of the stars among the colorwash squares.)*

Workshop focus: fabric selection and placement for the artistic design, construction technique, and quilting recommendations. The fusible foundation is provided with the class and instructions. Additional foundation may be purchased directly from Jan.

**Tuesday and Wednesday Workshop (2 days):  
Summer Salsa Lone Star**

Jan's own Lone Star design, seen in bright, sizzling summer colors, is a real favorite. It includes options to personalize your quilt with a variety of designs. Some advanced preparation will be required to get the most from this class! See the same quilt in a different color family (*Double Cappuccino*) at:

<http://www.jankrentz.com/gallery.php>.

Your personal color choices will make each quilt unique. Finished quilt size: approximately 46" x 46".

*Barb Vlack, 2014-2015 Program VP*

**June 22 and 23: Karla Alexander**

I am happy to announce that our June speaker will be quilt designer and author Karla Alexander. Karla is the author of 8 books, *Stack the Deck!*, *Stack a New Deck*, *New Cuts for New Quilts*, *Baby Wraps!*, *Color Shuffle*, *Stack the Deck-Revisited*, *Dynamic Quilts with Easy Curves*, and *Stack, Shuffle and Slide*. Karla also designs quilt patterns under the name Saginaw Street Quilt Company. Karla is coming to us from Salem, Oregon, where she lives with her husband Don.



The lecture she will be sharing with us at both meetings is "**Lift the Quilts Out of your Stash.**" Learn to look at your stash in a whole new way and actually start using your fabric rather than just admiring it! Challenge yourself to learn to work with your fabric and create your own methods and styles.

Karla's philosophy regarding quilting is to enjoy the process, learn from your experience and take what you learn from one project on to the next. As a teacher she enthusiastically inspires her students to discover and create their own individual style in their quilt making journeys. With all the many things to worry about, she believes quilting isn't one of them, but rather a time to experience the "creative flow" & enjoy!



**Summer Salsa Lone Star  
workshop notes**

<b>Dates:</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Hours:</b>	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day
<b>Location</b>	TBD (not at the church)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$110 Members \$120 Non-members
<b>Difficulty</b>	Advanced beginner and above
<b>Supply list link:</b>	<a href="#">Supply list</a>
<b>Non-member reg.</b>	Now open

## Monday workshop: Curved Piecing/Roundabout

For this class you can work on the selected pattern or there are a variety of possible project choices that all have similar cutting and piecing techniques. Students are welcome to individually choose any project featuring curved piecing from any of Karla's books or patterns, which can be ordered from her site.

## Tuesday workshop: Wedge-wise

Wedge-Wise is sewn together in a free-form style, rather than a pre-planned traditional pieced method. Main blocks are pieced together then built into larger blocks by adding additional fabric strips and leftover block pieces as the top is assembled. Karla's hope is that every quilt made from this pattern is totally different from one to the next! So, build your blocks, make it your own and enjoy!

*Joanne Sattler, 2015-2016 Program VP*

## Coming up at the education table

April will be our annual meeting so we will not have an Education Table. Barb Vlack is planning a School House for everyone to enjoy.

Don't forget to go to the Banquet in May.

We will have a special guest at the Education Table in June. Jan Sharpless will share with us her expertise on dying cottons.

Come to the picnic in July.

To round out the summer, in August Edith hopes to make sense out of some of those flying geese rulers you have purchased over the years by showing you there is more than one way to fly a goose.

Happy Stitching!

Barb Stewart & Edith Hubbard  
Education Coordinators

## 2016 quilt show update

Great news! The DuPage County Fairgrounds **will** be available for our quilt show in October, 2016. Thank you to everyone who wrote or emailed to help support the Fairgrounds Association.

Thanks to all of you who contributed beautiful blocks and squares for our raffle quilt. Construction is underway already!



## Roundabout workshop notes

<b>Date</b>	Monday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015
<b>Hours:</b>	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$45 Members \$55 Non-members
<b>Additional fees:</b>	Pattern or book purchase
<b>Supply list link:</b>	Coming soon
<b>Non-member reg. opens</b>	TBD



## Wedge-wise workshop notes

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015
<b>Hours:</b>	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$25 Members \$35 Non-members
<b>Additional fees:</b>	Wedge-wise Pattern, \$9.50
<b>Supply list link:</b>	Coming soon
<b>Non-member</b>	TBD

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If you want to continue to help us prepare for a great quilt show, you may want to make one (or more) of our door gifts for show visitors. The show committee has chosen to make card keepers – small wallet-style fabric folders that have pockets for credit cards, loyalty cards, gift cards, etc. Edith Hubbard and Barb Stewart will have examples and instructions at the Education table at the April meeting, and the instructions will also be on the PSQG website under the **Quilt Show** tab.

Meanwhile, keep making those gorgeous quilts!

*Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel*

## From outside the guild

The Aaron Whitney Homestead is hosting a Spring “Stripper” Competition. Contestants receive the same “stripper”\* to create their own unique quilt top in one day.

\*A “stripper” is a collection of 40, 2 ½” x 44” strips of coordinating fabrics.

**When:** Saturday, May 30, 2015, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Where:** The Aaron Whitney Homestead  
Elburn, Illinois

**Cost:** \$50/person

**First Prize:** \$100

- ❖ Work individually, or in teams
- ❖ Materials and work space provided
- ❖ Food and beverages provided
- ❖ Judged by professional quilters
- ❖ Beautiful, relaxing venue

For more information, visit their website:

[www.aaronwhitneyhomestead.com](http://www.aaronwhitneyhomestead.com) or call (630) 365-2687.

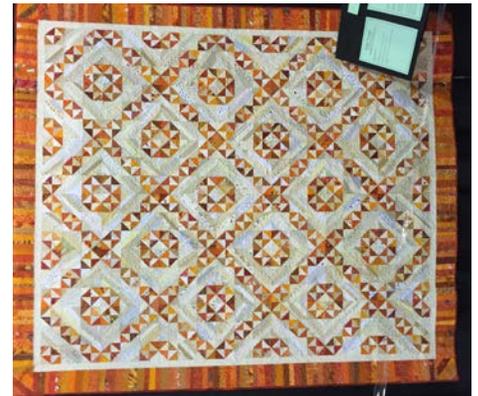
## Seen at the International Quilt Festival!

Several of our guild members had quilts up at the recent International Quilt Festival, including:

Susan Strasser:

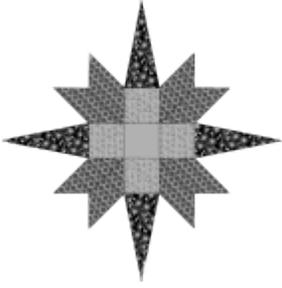


Mary Stewart:



And Leanne Hurley:





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