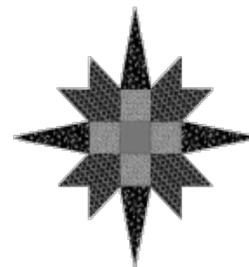


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From the President

Hi all and Happy Winter! My favorite part of the winter season (and I happen to like winter – weird, I know) is the fact that it’s usually cold, snowy and dark most of the time and those things all make me want to cuddle under a quilt (luckily, I, like many of you I’m sure, have lots of those!). It’s also a time when things are a little bit calmer and the start of a new year often turns our minds toward trying something new so...what are we waiting for?

Sharron revealed just a few of the exciting speakers she has lined up for her year starting in June and Caron still has some fabulous speakers left in February and March including award winning, local quilter Rachel Wetzler in February and one of my favorites, Amy Bradley in March plus a little known speaker (yeh, right!) named Bonnie Hunter for our May Banquet. By the way, there are still a few spots left in two of Bonnie’s classes if you want to sign up before registration is opened up to those outside the guild.

Spring also means time for the April Business meeting and while I know the thought of a “business meeting” usually results in yawns all around, Caron and I have what we think is a fabulous idea – a quilting game show WITH PRIZES! And, while the by-laws require us to do certain things at the business meeting, once we’re done with all that...let the fun begin.

So I say, let the snow fall and the cold settle in, we quilters are a hardy bunch and then look forward to all the fun that spring is sure to bring! Quilt on!

Bonita Deering
PSQG President

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Upcoming Programs and workshops

February: Rachel Wetzler

February 25th and 26th brings us [Rachel Wetzler](#) Rachel is a local gal made good. A previous PSQG member, her work has won acclaim and she has ribboned at major quilt shows all around the world. Her lecture will be titled *That's My Story* and we are very lucky to have her!

For our workshop, our own **Sandy Schweitzer** presents *Ready, Set, Finish!* Learn how to make and apply a bias binding with ninety degree mitered corners and how to hand stitch your binding so it is properly filled. She will cover making a sleeve, blocking and labeling. Her workshop will include a trunk show of multiple edge finishes, and will be Tuesday after the morning meeting. The cost is \$35. The supply list is now available on the PSQG website from the programs page.

March: Amy Bradley

Join us in March for the awesome pattern and fabric designer [Amy Bradley](#). Just to look at her fun and whimsical designs tells you that she will really entertain! A full day workshop Monday (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bethlehem, \$55) will allow you to work on any of her dozens of patterns. She will offer general applique tips and tricks, and then give each student some individual instruction, based on the pattern you have chosen. Don't miss out...

Note: A great selection of Amy's patterns are now available at [Prairie Shop Quilts](#), hurry in for the best selection!

April – on the 15th!

April 15th will be our always important Joint Business Meeting. Please read the articles about the By-Laws and the incoming board.

2012-2013 Board

Executive Board

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| President | Bonita Deering |
| Program VP | Caron Carlson |
| Evening VP | Beth Hoffman |
| Daytime VP | Teresa Kasch |
| Secretary | Joyce Jaksa |
| Treasurer | Jan Sharpless |

Committee Chairpersons

*indicates co-chairs

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| Membership | Barb Burdette* Barb Stewart* Elvira Illig * |
| Newsletter | Becky Hall |
| Education Coordinator | Yvonne Richter |
| Public Relations | Christine Buss |
| Nominations | Joyce Jaksa |
| Activities | Chris Schwarz* Diane Moore* |
| Bee Keeper | Ginny Wright |
| Library | Janet Miller |
| Community Projects | Nancy Aho* Joyce Keane* |
| Contracts 2013-2014 | Sharron Evans |
| Contracts 2014-2015 | Barb Vlack |
| Quilt Show Chair 2012 | Lynn Murphy |
| Quilt Show Co-Chair | Jan Sharpless |
| *co-chairs | |

May: Bonnie Hunter

And, for the Bonnie-files of the world, the wait is soon over!! **Bonnie Hunter** of [Quiltville](#) fame will be our May Banquet Speaker and due to high demand will be teaching three (3) different workshops. Complete info regarding the supply lists, cutting instructions, and other specifics are on our website under the programs tab, and sign-ups began at the January meetings. While one has filled, there are still openings in the other two.

All workshops are \$55 and run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday's workshop is at Charlestown Mall (details to follow) and the others are at the church as usual. Lunch will be an option: sign up when you check in. Here are the short descriptions:

[Jamestown Landing](#)—Sunday (book required). Stars and chains in blues and neutrals are sure to capture any star-lover's fancy! What a great way to clear out scraps by choosing two color families: A foreground (Blue) and a background (Neutral). Students will learn the basics of string piecing along with learning to use the Easy Angle ruler to create half square triangle units from 2 1/2" scrap strips.

[Pineapple Blossom](#)—Monday (free downloadable pattern). Students will bring pre-cut 2" strips ready to power sew into courthouse step type blocks, and altering them into pineapple blossom blocks by adding on quick corners. This method produces bonus corners and discussion includes various layouts for the blocks (with or without sashing) as well as alternate ideas for using the bonus corners! Students can also have fun swapping strips with each other for more variety in their quilts. Focus on USING YOUR STASH encouraged!
This class is currently full but we are taking names for a waiting list.

[Scrappy Mountain Majesties](#)—Tuesday (free downloadable pattern). A great quilt for using larger pieces of leftover fabrics! Students will bring pre-cut 8.5" squares in pairs of

light/dark. Many layouts provide lots of options for this fun quilt! You will be amazed at how easy Bonnie makes this complicated looking quilt, and you will get a big chunk done in class (yeah!).

If you do not have web access or have other questions that are not addressed in this article or on our website, please call or email me.

Caron Carlson
 Program VP
 (630) 879-0000
bigtimequilter@yahoo.com

Newsletter Info

**Deadline for the next newsletter:
 March 7, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

Becky Hall, Editor
beckyh@rchconsulting.com

Looking Ahead ...

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| June | Anita Grossman Solomon |
| July | Picnic time! |

General notes about workshops

The following notes apply to all workshops unless otherwise noted in the description.

- ❖ If the minimum number of PAID workshop participants is not reached 30 days prior to the workshop, the workshop may be cancelled.
- ❖ **Payment for workshops is due at sign-up.** Checks should be made payable to PSQG and can be handed in at the meeting.
- ❖ Cancellations for workshops (with full refunds) will be accepted up to 45 days before the workshop. After that, a refund will only be given if you find someone to take your spot in the workshop.

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- ❖ Supply lists for each workshop will be posted on the Web site as soon as we receive them from the teacher. Web links for each teacher are also listed if the teachers have websites.
- ❖ For all-day workshops or Tuesday afternoon workshops, box lunches can be ordered in the morning for \$11.
- ❖ Unless otherwise noted, all lectures/trunk shows and workshops will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1145 North Fifth Avenue, St. Charles.

Website update – Chapter minutes added

As we recently discussed at the January Chapter meetings, effective January 2013, the minutes from the Chapter meetings will now be posted on the Guild's website for members' reference and can be found in a folder in the "Guild Information" tab.

We hope this new feature to the website will be beneficial to members who are gone for the winter months, are on vacation or just miss a meeting.

Joyce Jakska
Secretary

PSQG Banquet

Mark your calendars for **Monday, May 20, 2013**, for our annual PSQG Banquet. Our location will be the newly renovated Villa Olivia on Rt. 20 near Rt. 59 in Bartlett. As you already know, **our speaker will be the fabulous Bonnie Hunter**, so gather your friends together to build a fun table of 8 to enjoy the evening. More details on the entree choices and cost will be revealed before **we begin sign-ups in March**.

Diane Moore and Chris Schwarz

Spring Retreat

We are now taking names for the waiting list for the PSQG spring retreat. Last year we were able to fit in some people from the list, so please add your name if you would like to come. For those of you who are already signed up, please be sure to pick up the **information sheet** if you did not get one at the last guild meeting.

Retreat information:

- ❖ Location: the Carmelite Center in Darien
- ❖ Arrival time: no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8 (another group is in "our" room until 2:00 p.m., and the staff needs a little turnaround time)
- ❖ Departure time – 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10
- ❖ Meals from Friday dinner through Sunday brunch are included
- ❖ Bring your own projects to work on

Any questions? Please call us.

Diane Moore and Chris Schwarz (630-483-0383)

By-Laws

This may be starting to sound like a broken record but it will soon be time to vote on the By-Laws again. If you are thinking "Didn't we just do that last year?" you would be right but with the arrival of new board members in June of last year (just after the approval of the by-laws in April), it was brought to our attention that one area of the document, namely the changes to the Contracts position, deserved another look and further clarification.

After much review, debate and consideration, I am very pleased to announce that the revised By-Laws that will be posted to the guild website this week are, in my opinion, concise, well-written and provide the guild and its board with the tools needed to run a successful and productive organization.

Very few major changes were made but in your review please note that the position of Contracts has been returned to a two-year term with the first year as the Contracts Chair and the second as the Programs Chair. Other than that, the wording of the by-laws was clarified, and, I believe that our current document is a solid one. Please take the time to review the by-laws and prepare to vote on their approval at the April Business meeting. If you receive your newsletter by mail then a copy of the by-laws will be included with your newsletter.

Bonita Deering

2013-2014 Nominations

On behalf of this year's Nominating Committee, I am pleased to submit the following slate of nominees for Prairie Star Quilters Guild's Executive Board and Board of Directors for 2013-2014. Elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting on April 15, 2013.

Executive Board Nominations

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| President | Bonita Deering |
| Programs Vice President | Sharron Evans |
| Evening Vice President | Beth Hoffman |
| Daytime Vice President | Teresa Kasch |
| Secretary | Susie Wing |
| Treasurer | Lynn Murphy |

Board Nominations

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Membership | Susan Cook * |
| | Joyce Jaksa * |
| Newsletter | Becky Hall |
| Education | Yvonne Richter* |
| | Chris Schwarz* |
| Public Relations | Sandy Andrews |
| Nominations | Barb Stewart |
| Activities | Mary Stewart* |
| | Susan Strasser* |

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| Bee Keeper | Ginny Wright |
| Library | Liz Fitzgerald |
| Community Projects | Nancy Aho |
| | Pat Noonan |
| Contracts 2014-2015 | Barb Vlack |
| Quilt Show Chair-2014 | Jan Sharpless |
| Quit Show Co-Chair-2014 | Chris Schwarz* |
| | Leslie Nyckel* |

*Indicates Co-Chairs

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Jaksa,
Chair, 2013-2014 Nominating Committee

Membership

PSQG welcomes guests and new members along with our loyal membership to our monthly meetings. Remember to invite neighbors, friends, family, or co-workers who would enjoy everything the guild has to offer.

As you enter every guild meeting please check your name on the alphabetized sheets making one check for each meeting you are attending in the same month. If you do not find your name on the membership list please be prepared to pay the guest fee for that month or join the membership. Guests are welcome for the usual fee of \$5 unless noted otherwise. It is helpful to be a bit early if you have a guest to facilitate the sign-in process.

Remember your nametags and greet new members and guests.

Barb Burdette
Membership

News from the Beehive

The hives are buzzing these days with all the snow, being inside and finishing lots of projects. The new Scrap Bees have completed or almost



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completed Bonnie Hunter's Mystery Quilt from November-December with another one starting in the Quiltmaker Magazine. We are trying to get Scraps III off the ground and as soon as we have a time and place will announce that so other PSQG members may join. Names are still being added for a Beading/Embellishment Bee (daytime) and a daytime Art Bee. A few people are asking about a Hand Quilting Bee so that list is out as well. If you are new, a Bee is the best way to meet people as well as taking a class and volunteering for a Guild committee. Call or email me with any questions and keep on stitching!

Ginny Wright, Beekeeper
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ginny.wright@comcast.net

Stay tuned: Coming soon to an e-mailbox near you!

To help us prepare for the big Bonnie Hunter event in May (and give me some help when I introduce her at the banquet), we'll be conducting a "Bonnie" survey shortly. We'll e-mail a Web link for the survey (which, I am told, works best with either a Firebox or Internet Explorer browser). If this works as advertised, the guild may use this tool to conduct other surveys occasionally. So, when you receive the email, go to the link and answer away!

Susan Strasser

Member News

This is a section dedicated to news from you, the members!

Have you shown your quilts somewhere else, and perhaps won a ribbon? Or the County Fair? Let us know! Are you having a "sewing room garage sale?" Let us know. Space permitting, your name could appear here!

Thinking About A Quilt Retreat?

Check out Illinois Amish Area Quilt Retreat

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See: <http://www.arcoliflowerpatch.com/Package-19-Quilt-Retreats>

Upcoming Member Birthdays

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| Peggy Wolfe | Feb. 16 |
| Gloria Friedrich | Feb. 20 |
| Linda Stoyhoff | Feb. 20 |
| Bonita Deering | Feb. 22 |
| Ruth Kay | Feb. 22 |
| Debra Steffes | Feb. 22 |
| Dorothea Cowsert | Feb. 23 |
| JoAnn Weitzenfeld | Feb. 23 |
| Carolyn Kernan | Feb. 25 |
| Mary King | Feb. 25 |
| Pat Noonan | Feb. 25 |
| Carol Wood | Feb. 26 |
| Margit Rippberger | Feb. 27 |
| Janice Lindenmeyer | Feb. 28 |
| Alice Bowdish | March 1 |
| Elizabeth Fitzgerald | March 2 |
| Joann VanDril | March 3 |
| Marty Jacobsen | March 4 |
| Sandra Andrews | March 7 |
| Lyneta Grap Piela | March 15 |
| Regina McNulty | March 15 |

Submitted by Barb Stewart, Membership

From outside the Guild

Quilts of Valor

Members of Prairie Star Quilt Guild have been very supportive of Quilts of Valor and we need to continue to do so. Our troops are coming home but after deployment it isn't over for some of them and their families. Most are dealing with PTSD—a silent after-effect of war.

There is a monthly sew-in at Prairie Shop Quilt Store the first Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. on (the store closes at 5:00). If you are interested in an evening sew-in, let us know and we will schedule one, usually on a Thursday evening. We are having our first sew in at Sewing, Etc. in Yorkville on February 19th. If you are not able to attend or wish to just sew on your own, stop in and get a kit. We are also always in need of machine quilters and binders.

How else can you help? Continue to save your scraps and make 16-patch blocks from 2 ½" squares (patriotic and non-patriotic but please stay away from floral, Christmas, or children fabrics). We made over a dozen tops last year by offsetting the blocks with a snowball block.

Challenge for 2013: If each of our members made a block a day that would equal over 3600 quilt tops! How about a 12 inch block a month? Let's double last years' number of quilt tops.

Rita Pennington

Quilts of Valor Region 6 Coordinator

LOLQOV.blogspot.com

Saltcreek Patchmakers Show

Salt Creek Patchmakers' 18th annual Quilt Show, ***Americana Memories***, is coming up:

When: March 22 and 23, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily

Cost: \$3 admission

Where: Assembly of God Church
801 s. Mulberry
Clinton, Illinois

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Quilt Show

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild is excited to be offering our first Quilt Show this year ***Naperville Quilts! 2013...Be Inspired!***

When: Friday, May 10, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sat., May 11, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: NIU Conference Center
Naperville Campus
1120 E. Diehl Rd.
Naperville, IL

Cost: \$7 admission

Calendar of Events

Check the body of the newsletter for more details. All events take place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles unless otherwise noted.

February Meetings

Evening Guild: Mon. Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m.

March Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. Mar. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Evening Guild: Mon. Mar. 25, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. Mar. 26, 9:30 a.m.

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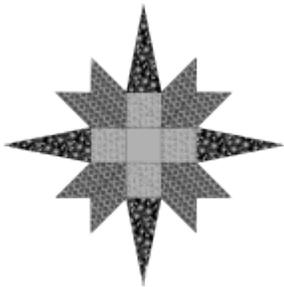
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1/2 page \$40/issue

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