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A Message from Joyce Jaksa, President

Happy New Year to All,

As we begin 2015, I have made a couple of New Year's resolutions. One of my resolutions is "Getting Organized." January 1 was my start date, I now am the proud owner of 10 rotary cutters (there were times that I thought it would just be easier to buy another one rather than hunt down the one that I must have left at a Bee meeting), the same ruler appearing over and over again, duplicate books that I did not realize I may have purchased possibly the week before. . . . I think you all get the idea. So, I am really looking forward to getting organized and being able to find what I need instantly and use the time I spent looking for lost items to maybe completing some UFO's – gosh darn, okay – have time for more shopping to buy more fabric for the new quilt I saw in a magazine last week.

In addition, I am also looking forward to all of the wonderful activities our Guild has to offer us in 2015.

Barb Vlack, Programs Vice President, has presented us with wonderful speakers in 2014 and has more fantastic speakers yet to come. This month Lynn Schmitt will be hosting a workshop and will be speaker at our chapter meetings. If you have never attended one of Lynn's lectures or workshops, you are in for a treat!

Joanne Sattler, 2015-2016 Contracts Chair, has been very busy scheduling exciting speakers for the Guild's 2015-2016 year. Stay tuned as we will be hearing from Joanne in the near future.

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Next newsletter deadline:

February 5, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Send info to beckyh@rchconsulting.com.

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In March, the Guild's Spring Retreat will be taking place at the Sienna Retreat Center in Racine, WI. I have been told that the Retreat is sold out at this time, but don't let that stop you. Please call or email Susan Strasser or Mary Stewart and put your name on the wait-list. You never know if someone's plans might change.

And, of course, it never is too early to start the quilt you want to enter in our 2016 Quilt Show. I believe Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel, 2016 Show Chairs, still have opportunities for ladies to become involved in the Show. It really is fun, so call either Chris or Leslie or see them at the January chapter meetings.

If you have an idea or suggestion for the Guild, please call or see me or any of the Board members and let us hear your ideas. Cindy Krelle and Yvonne Richter have created a new Facebook page for PSQG members that, I am sure, you will find interesting (please read their announcement regarding this new Facebook page later in this newsletter and more information can be found on the Guild website under the Resources tab).

On a more serious note, the Guild now has 270 members. We are the top Guild in the area, known and respected by many speakers and have nationally known and recognized quilters and long-arm quilters. We are the best in NE Illinois, so let's stay the BEST THERE IS. Ginny Wright, Nominations Chair, still has an opening to fill on the Board. Everyone, board and members, work extremely hard throughout the year, but we need a little more participation when it comes to Board and Committee involvement!! Some of our members have been on the Board since 2007-2009 and they need a little time off. So, please call Ginny Wright to discuss if the position may be of interest to you. Even if you cannot join the Board, please remember there are Committee members who are needed to help at the Evening and Morning Chapter meetings, Guild activities, etc.

So, again, Happy 2015 and ...

Until next time,

Joyce Jakska
President

Community projects

We received a thank you note from the daughter of a resident who received one of our lap quilts. Here's an excerpt:

Dear Ladies, My mother was so very fortunate to receive one of your beautiful quilts. It was pink and purple and so very lovely. You ladies are such artists and I wanted to thank you so very much for your generous gift.

Just one example of how your work is appreciated!

Thank you to the members of the Lets Bee Friends bee who made fidget quilt kits when they met in November:

- ❖ Marcy Christensen
- ❖ Barbara Lies
- ❖ Betty Losselyong
- ❖ Pat Noonan
- ❖ Dixie Riley

Thank you to guild members who turned in projects in November:

- ❖ Carol Anderman
- ❖ Donna Boyd
- ❖ Marcy Christensen
- ❖ Nancy Gambrel
- ❖ Ruth Marsh
- ❖ Darlene Musar
- ❖ Pat Noonan
- ❖ Marion Schlindwein
- ❖ Mary Stewart
- ❖ Ginny Wright

Nancy Aho and Patricia Noonan

Nominations

We have one position left to fill: **Activities Chair or Co-Chairmen**. If needed, we can have separate committees for each activity, with a coordinator reporting to the board.

- ❖ **July picnic:** plan special activities; submit notices for meetings and newsletter; provide drinks, etc.; good news – the location for 2015 is all set!
- ❖ **Retreats:** plan retreats; take signups; articles for the newsletter; plan details; good news – the location for fall 2015 is reserved! (we may have someone for this part)
- ❖ **May Banquet for 2016:** select the location, select the menu, set the price; take signups; articles for the newsletter; good news –the Program committee arranges for the speaker!

If you (or you and a friend or two) are interested please call me at 1-630-715-2266 or email me at Ginny.wright@comcast.net as soon as possible. You can also talk to Mary Stewart or Susan Strasser, our current Activities Chairs, for more information.

Have a great day!

Ginny Wright, Ginny.wright@comcast.net
630-513-1418

Programs and workshops

January 26 and 27: Lynn Schmitt

Lynn has a BFA degree and has specialized in interior decorating and designing with an eclectic mixture of gorgeous fabrics. She has been designing original quilts for over 10 years and has had her designs published in *American Patchwork and Quilting*, *Quilts and More*, and in Need'I Love quilt books. Her company, *A Different Box of Crayons*, was launched in 2010. Her lecture, titled *A Different Box of Crayons*, will provide eye candy for everyone. She goes from whimsical to elegant in a flash, as you will be delighted to see in her trunk show. She will present the same lecture to both chapters.

<http://www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com>



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Monday workshop: Cathedral doves
An Italian adventure in color and texture

Note: This workshop is full. Thank you for your participation.

Attendees, please be sure you have picked up your kit so you can do the preparation work in time for the workshop.

Workshop will be on Monday, January 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please bring exact change (\$14) if you wish to order a box lunch to be delivered to the classroom. Box lunch includes sandwich, salad, chips, and drink.

February 23 and 24: Mickey Depre

Mickey has been a popular teacher from Oak Lawn, Illinois, whose two latest books on pieced hexagons have highlighted wonderful secondary designs created from pieced hexagons. She co-authored a book, *Ring Around the Hexies*, with Bonnie Hunter, with whom she shares a love of scraps and unusual designs. Mickey's lecture is *Quilts: Young and Old, Timid and Bold*. She will be giving the same lecture at both chapter meetings. <http://www.mdquilts.com>

Sign-ups for Mickey Depre's workshops will be available at the January meetings. If you know of any non-members who would like to join in on the fun of Mickey's workshops, please invite them. The workshop fees for non-members are \$50 for Castle Wall and \$30 for Wheelie Hexie.

Monday workshop: Castle wall

The kit includes the acrylic templates for a 9" block, a sheet of CJ Jenkins freezer paper, a spool of Aurifil thread, and a package of Richard Hemming needles. There is also a supply list of basic sewing supplies, including fabric, so pick one up when you register for the class or check the PSQG web site.

Hand piecing is so relaxing and portable! It makes for a great pick-up project. In this workshop, use Mickey's acrylic templates to cut out patches for a 9" block and learn the tricks to hand piecing an intricate block that has numerous inset seams. The block offers a wonderful way to showcase fussy cutting of beautiful prints but it also looks fantastic with batiks or Civil War fabrics or even kiddie novelty prints. It would be great to see a lot of hand piecers sitting at our meetings working on their Castle Wall projects! Fair warning, though: hand piecing may be addicting!

2014-2015 at a glance

Month	Speaker
January	Lynn Schmitt from Wheaton, IL www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com
Feb.	Mickey Depre from Oak Lawn, IL www.mdquilts.com
March	Sue Spargo from Uniontown, OH www.suespargo.com
April	In house demos after the Annual Meeting
May	Banquet speaker: Jan Krentz from San Diego, CA www.jankrentz.com



Castle wall workshop notes

Date	Monday, February 23 rd , 2015
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$40 Members \$50 Non-members
Additional fees:	Kit fee \$25
Supply list link:	Supply list
Non-member registration opens	Now open

Tuesday Workshop: Pieced hexies – the wheelie



Learn to piece your scraps into hexagons (aka “Hexies”) that have a secondary design when set together. This is an English Paper Piecing class, where fabric is basted over paper templates and then whip stitched together. Mickey will show how this process can be relaxing and productive as it teases you forward to try just one more! There is a supply list, so pick one up when you register for the class or check the PSQG web site.

March 23 and 24: Sue Spargo

Sue is back by popular demand, especially by those who are really interested in her ethnic folk art created with wool applique, embroidery, beading, and other embellishments. You’ll be inspired by her colors and textural designs.

www.suespargo.com

Workshop: Altered texture: Bird on a branch

We will host a two-day workshop with Sue on March 23 and 24 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Monday the workshop runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday the workshop runs from 12:30 p.m. (after the morning meeting) to 7:30 p.m., including a break for a pizza dinner (included in the price of the workshop). The workshop fee includes the pizza on Tuesday (but not lunch on Monday – box lunches can be ordered that day).

This workshop is full, so registration is CLOSED.

The picture at the right is the project *before embellishing*. Everyone should have a supply list --- either a hard copy picked up at the November meeting, an email attachment or from the PSQG website.

Be sure to pick up your kit at the January meetings or make arrangements with Barb Vlack for absentee pickup. Many have already paid for this kit (\$45) but a few haven’t, and Barb knows who you are!! Check for the kit should be made out to **PSQG** so we can give Sue Spargo one check for all the kits.

Pieced hexies workshop notes

Date	Tuesday, February 24 th , 2015
Hours:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$25 Members \$30 Non-members
Additional fees:	The book <i>Pieced Hexies: A New Tradition in English Paper Piecing</i> , \$22
Supply list link:	Supply list
Non-member registration opens	Now open



Bird on a branch workshop notes

Dates:	Monday and Tuesday, March 23 rd and 24 th
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday and 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
Cost:	SOLD OUT
Notes	There is some advance sewing before the workshop. Be sure to pick up your kit in January.

April 27: Annual Business Meeting

Our annual meeting is the time for the Guild to elect new officers and approve the budget, among other important agenda items.

We will also have a Round Robin of demonstrations of some Quilt Making Tricks. A handful of PSQG members have volunteered to show you some tricks they've learned along the way. See how to use the Yoyo maker gadget by Clover, freezer paper foundation piecing, easy seaming for the ends of a binding, and more. If you have a trick to offer as a demo, please let me know at barb@barbvlack.com.

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.

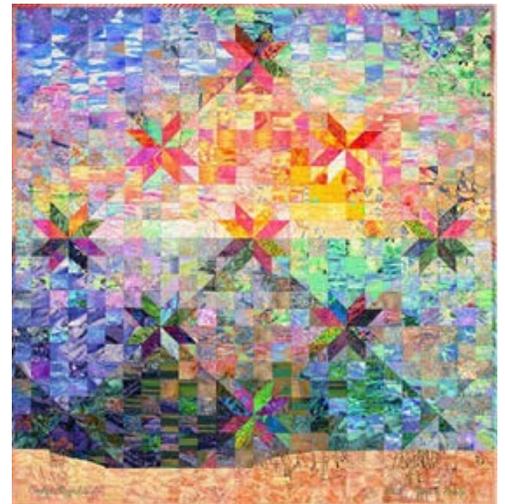
<http://www.jankrentz.com>

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!

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



Color Wash Hunter's Star workshop notes

Date	Monday, May 18 th , 2015
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$55 Members \$65? Non-members
Difficulty	Intermediate (not your first quilt)
Supply list link:	Coming soon
Non-member registration opens	TBD

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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

Weather cancellations

It's that time of year again, when we can face weather conditions that make attending our meetings dangerous. The Board has adopted a policy of cancelling meetings if the St. Charles public schools are closed for the day. We will also announce cancellations via email and through our Facebook page.

Social assistance

A new Facebook page has opened for members of PSQG, called Quilt Help 911. If you are looking for a fabric you ran out of to finish a project, or need a pattern, book or even advice, this could be where you will find help. We're hoping members will use this page to find things they need. After all, don't we all have at least a little stash to help someone else out? This could also be the place to find a ride to the guild meetings or to a quilt show, and to see if the guild has had something come up unexpectedly ... like a cancelation due to weather. Check it out at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/851002041589470/>

It's a closed group – but we'll let you in!

Thanks!

*Cindy Krelle, 630-406-011 and
Yvonne Richter, 630-208-1299*



Summer Salsa Lone Star workshop notes

Dates:	Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 th and 20 th
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day
Location	TBD (not at the church)
Cost:	\$110 Members \$120 Non- members
Difficulty	Advanced beginner and above
Supply list link:	Coming soon
Non- member registration opens	TBD

Coming up at the education table

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday. Here are a few things to get you started in the New Year.

This month (**January**) get ready for the retreat at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin and make a portable design wall. We will have directions for a design wall you can make in any size with easy-to-find materials (and where to find them).

February will be thread catchers of all kinds and where to find free patterns for them on the internet.

In **March** we have something for all of you hexie fans: how to make hexies out of circles. If you like hexies but don't like to English Paper Piece this is for you: some simple folds and a few tacking stitches and you are done.

Happy Stitching!

Barb Stewart & Edith Hubbard
Education Coordinators

From outside the Guild

Free Class with Jinny Beyer on Craftsy!

Have you tried any of the online classes offered from the Craftsy website? The latest one I'm interested in is a **free** class with Jinny Beyer! It's set up as a 2015 Block of the Month, and it features 13 blocks in a Garden Maze setting. There are 9 pieced basket blocks with applique and 4 foundation pieced floral blocks. The sample is in the traditional Jinny Beyer fabrics and border print, but you do not have to buy the kit in order to take the class and sew along!

To get into this class, go to <http://www.Craftsy.com> and set up an account, which is free. You have to give your email address and set up a password. (Remember them!) You may then search for **2015 Block of the Month**, which will give you

Happy Birthday to ...



Susan Brady	Feb. 1
Sue Hedke	Feb. 1
Sharon Bold	Feb. 2
Mary Conway	Feb. 2
Marcella Christensen	Feb. 3
Charlotte Drew	Feb. 4
Lauretta Schneider	Feb. 4
Judy Corfield	Feb. 5
Marilyn Keare	Feb. 7
Elaine Morgan	Feb. 8
Charlene Cooper	Feb. 11
Mary Winegar	Feb. 13
Betty Evans	Feb. 14
Julie Grisham	Feb. 14
Kathy Secor	Feb. 16
Peggy Wolfe	Feb. 16
Carol Allan	Feb. 19
Susan Giorno	Feb. 19
Gloria Friedrich	Feb. 20
Linda Stoyhoff	Feb. 20
Bonita Deering	Feb. 22
Ruth Kay	Feb. 22
Debby Steffes	Feb. 22
Dorothea Cowsert	Feb. 23
JoAnn Weitzenfeld	Feb. 23
Mary King	Feb. 25
Patricia Noonan	Feb. 25
Carol Wood	Feb. 26
Margit Rippberger	Feb. 27
Janice Lindenmeyer	Feb. 28



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a link for Jinny Beyer's class. Follow the steps to enroll and confirm your enrollment. Next, click on the link to start the video for the class. Jinny will guide you through the first steps and let you know what is coming next.

I've had several classes with Jinny Beyer since I first met her in 1980, and I've loved every one. I've learned something from each one, and I credit her with helping me develop an understanding of color theory. I recommend this Craftsy class because it's Jinny Beyer as the teacher, it's **free**, and I think you'll learn something from the class! I have no affiliation to Craftsy or to Jinny. I'm looking forward to it myself.

Barb Vlack

Quilt Spectrum 2015

Presented by Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

When: Friday, March 27
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Central Catholic High School
1201 Airport Road
Bloomington, IL

Featuring: Over 200 Quilts on Display
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Merchants' Mall
Quilting Demonstrations
Special Exhibit: Universe of
Mystery Quilts
Bed Turning: Special exhibit of
Modern Quilts
Raffle Quilt: "Chain of
Friendship" Featured Artist:
Rhonda Bryd
Free Parking

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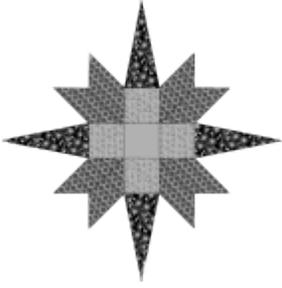
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