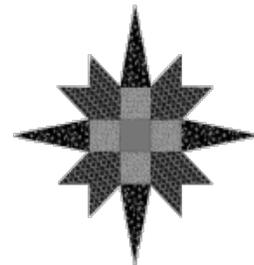


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From the Evening Vice President

Summer's here... and it's time for the annual PSQG PICNIC!

Whoever conceived years ago of making it an **indoor** picnic was brilliant – no worries about fickle Mother Nature throwing a storm or fighting off ants or mosquitoes – just good food and good company! Join us for a relaxing, stress-free social evening out. The picnic will be held on our usual fourth Monday evening on July 22, starting an hour earlier at 6:00 p.m. No Tuesday morning meeting in July! Please note we'll be at a different church than in prior years or for our regular meetings; this one is on the west side of St. Charles. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter, including what to bring. You're also welcome to bring along any young quilters in your life: we'd love to see and hear about their quilting adventures.

I hope you got to the International Quilt Fest (IQF) at the Rosemont last month to welcome it back to town. I ran into several of you there, but I probably missed seeing others while walking around in an eye candy stupor! Weren't the quilts amazing?! And, of course, wonderful shop opportunities abounded! If you were at the show, you may have seen a few quilts by our August speaker, Catherine Redford, hanging in the Modern Quilt exhibit. You also may have dropped in on one of her Open Studio sessions on the IQF show floor; when I walked past, Catherine had quite a crowd gathered around her demos. A charismatic Brit who now calls Naperville home, Catherine will be taking us on safari with African folklore embroidery and sharing some of the lessons she's learned while quilting in two different lectures next month. I can personally vouch that she will be entertaining to listen to!

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PSQG July 2013

Lots of other good stuff is happening around the guild, too: the Bees are buzzing, the Quilt Show 2014 team is off to a running start and has issued a "call to sew" for all, the Activities Daring Duo already has several fun events planned throughout year, and MORE!

Yours in stitches,

Beth Hoffman
Evening VP

Newsletter Info

**Deadline for the next newsletter:
August 8, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

Becky Hall, Editor
beckyh@rchconsulting.com

Activities

"Get Your Appetite On"

Get ready for our annual PSQG celebration of salads and desserts on Monday, July 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. **This year, we'll be dining in a new location: Congregational United Church of Christ, 40W451 Fox Mill Blvd St. Charles, IL, 60175** (just off LaFox Road). As usual, for the picnic (indoors, so it is on—rain or shine) please **bring your own table service** (plates and silverware) **plus a dish to pass** (mark it and any serving utensil with your name so both can go back home with you). If your last name begins with **A-M**, please bring a **main-dish** salad. Those with last names beginning with **N-Z**, are on tap for **desserts** (remember chocolate is always good)! We'll furnish iced tea and lemonade; if you'd like a different beverage, please bring it. We will have ice, cups, and napkins. As always, we encourage you to bring any of the young quilters in your life. We'd love to meet them.

Just a note: We will not have our usual show and tell, but those participating in the ABCD

workshop immediately preceding the meeting will be displaying their creations. And, of course, we want to see any items brought by our young quilters! So, the rest of you, hold your wonderful quilts until August's meetings!



Final note: Scrap collection will begin at the picnic. Remember, quilting fabrics only (no fleece, batting, novelties, etc.).

ABCD Quilting – July 20 Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The July workshop presented by designer/teacher Kim Fauth will immediately precede the annual picnic and will be held in the same location. If you've registered for the workshop and don't want to go home before the picnic, you may bring your picnic contribution in the morning, then stay and sew until the picnic begins. Such a deal!

2013 Fall Retreat (October 21-23): Sign-ups begin at the July Picnic!

Stronghold Retreat Center in Oregon, Illinois, is the venue for this sewing fest. The Heritage Center (their newest building) has 16 rooms, each of which can accommodate 2 people (two double beds per room). The cost is \$125 for a double; \$195 for a single. (The price includes 7 meals beginning with lunch on Monday and ending with lunch on Wednesday.) Don't miss out on the fun. And, Oregon is only 20 minutes from Rockford (think Shop Hop)!

Upcoming Programs

It is July – picnic month! Unfortunately Programs will **not** be at the picnic – so raise a glass of lemonade in my honor as you discuss the next few speakers we have coming up.

August: Catherine Redford

In August we welcome our own “local girl done good” **Catherine Redford**. Her fabulous quilt keeps drawing us into her hand embroidery world.

I highly recommend you attend **both** meetings in August, as she has **two different lectures!** Her Monday night lecture is “Lessons Learned While Quilting” while Tuesday morning we will hear about a “Safari through African Folklore Embroidery.” Let’s have fun and dress appropriately for those lions, tigers and bears (oh my!).

Only a few spots remain open in her classes.

African Folklore Embroidery:

Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Note: The **start time has been changed** from the time on the supply lists.) Remember that you can pick your own kit/motif for this class.



Applique the Woolly Way:

Tuesday afternoon. The workshop starts after meeting/lunch through 4:00 p.m.



You can register for either class through email at: Sharron@CountOnEvans.com or call my office at 630.510.0415 and ask for Jenny. For the Tuesday class you can register at either meeting. Supply lists are available on the PSQG website.

PS. Here’s a little secret too. See what she is surrounded by? Catherine is into hexagons.



So you Hexies – be sure to chat her up at the meeting!

September: Jean Biddick

Next, in September we welcome my old friend **Jean Biddick**. Her attention to detail is fabulous and she will show us her techniques in accomplishing such stunning quilts. Her lecture for both meetings will be "Architectural Influences," where she will show us how her lovely mosaics were inspired from the world that surrounds us all.

Piecing Mosaics:

Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This all day workshop will have us learning how we, too, can make wonderful mosaics inspired quilts.



Feathered Star:

Tuesday afternoon. The workshop starts after the meeting and lunch and runs through 4:00 p.m. This half-day workshop is bringing us back to the magnificent traditional Feathered Star.



Both classes will have you so inspired to create the most beautiful quilts you have ever made!

Sign up soon for these classes... classes have been filling fast and you would hate to miss these two!

Happy Quilting,

Sharron & Jenny
Program VP 2013-2014

Membership

Thanks to all of the members who have renewed their membership for the 2013-2014 year. And welcome to all our new members. It is going to be a great year!

If you have not renewed your membership yet, just download the form from the website (www.psqg.org), fill it out and send it along with your check to Joyce Jaksa. Her address is on the form. You can also renew at the Guild Picnic in July.



And just a reminder: please wear your PSQG nametag at our meetings. If you don't have that nametag, any other nametag will do. We want to know who you are and greet you by name. If you would like to order a PSQG nametag, just let us know.

Joyce Jaksa and Susan Cook

Welcome to PSQG!

Please welcome the following new members to our Guild at the June Chapter Meetings:

Gloria Berndl – A.M. Chapter
 Louette Butwell – P.M. Chapter
 Mary Ellen Janes – P.M. Chapter
 Susan Lark – A.M. Chapter
 Cathy Lorenz- A.M. Chapter
 Ila Migut – A.M. Chapter
 Jane Phillips – A.M. Chapter
 Ellyn Romoser – P.M. Chapter
 Kim Sceggel – P.M. Chapter
 Kathy Secor – P.M. Chapter

Community Projects Report

In June 17 quilts were delivered to CASA and 8 to Provena Pine View Health Care Center. Thank you to these guild members who gave of their time and talents for our community projects this month:

Nancy Aho, Barb Bullock, Barbara Carlson, Marcy Christensen, Nancy Cleckner, Gail Haun, Adele Jeschke, Gwyneth Johnson, Vi Nelson, Ronne Neville, and Pat Noonan.

*Nancy Aho and Pat Noonan
 Community Projects*

News from the Beehive



I am excited about the new English paper-piecing Bee, "Hex-A-Bee," which will begin on July 12th. It meets at the Quilt Merchant in Winfield, and there are two openings. A second paper-piecing Bee is in the works, place and day TBA. If you are new to this we can help you get started. All you need are a package of the hexagon paper pieces, fabric, thread, needle, scissors, and a glue stick. You can email me or call my cell, 630-715-2266, **or sign up at the August guild meeting**. There are several Bees just waiting for one or two people to get started and many Bees with room for one or two more people. Please check the lists at the meetings.

Enjoy the rest of the month...summer is here! Keep on buzzing, and making your quilts!

Ginny Wright, Beekeeper
 630-513-1418 or 630-715-2266 (cell)
ginny.wright@comcast.net

Thinking About A Quilt Retreat?

Check out Illinois Amish Area Quilt Retreat

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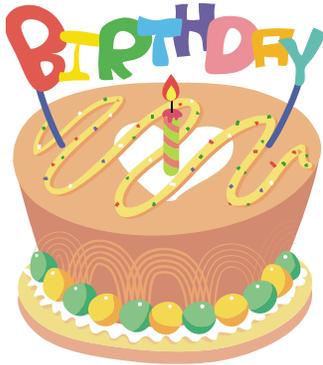
More on Specialty Rulers

Continuing to look at rulers, I had no idea how many videos and step-by-step instructions are out there on how to use them. Doing a search for "YouTube quilting rulers" resulted in pages and pages of different web sites (175,000 results) featuring video instructions on using quilting templates to specialty rulers.

To narrow my search down further, I tried "YouTube quilting rulers flying geese" and still found several pages on how to use different brands of flying geese rulers. Making a list of all the sites isn't possible and would be a waste of paper. Many of the sites are through shops with their own "How to" videos.

If you don't want to navigate through the shops own pages to find the video, going through YouTube with the specific ruler name seems the way to go. Absolutely great for those of us who know we have the paper instructions....somewhere.

*Yvonne Richter,
Education Chair*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY To—

Mary Markee	July 16
Pegu Twait	July 19
Donna Boyd	July 22
Ann Kowalyszyn	July 23
Nancy Garrison	July 26
Mary Stewart	July 26
Ann Miller	July 26
Sue Robles	July 30

Joyce Cooper	July 31
Serena Titus	July 31
Barbara Bullock	July 31
Darlene Musur	August 2
Peggy Lyons	August 5
Suzanne Pottker	August 6
Beth Martin	August 8
Susan Carr	August 9
Cindy LeTourneau	August 10
Veronica Johnson	August 12
Carol Lauer	August 13
Connie Pomeroy	August 14

From outside the Guild

Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show

Presented by Lighthouse Quilters Guild, Inc., Racine, WI.

Dates: September 28 - 29, 2013

Location: Fountain Banquet Hall,
8505 Durand Ave.
Sturtevant, WI 53177

(Easy access from I-94 between Milwaukee and Chicago.)

Time: Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 admission

The Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show will feature over 250 quilts. All quilters are invited to enter this judged show. Additional features include works by the honored quilter, Marie Raymond; small quilt silent auction to benefit a local charity; quilting and textile arts demonstrations; antique quilt bed turning; quilt raffle; boutique of handmade items; vendor mall; concessions.

Details and entry form are available at www.lighthousequiltersguild.org or call 262-632-1410.

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.

July Meetings

Combined Guild: Mon. July 22, 6:00 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ,
St. Charles, IL.

August Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. August 6, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Guild: Mon. August 26, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. August 27, 9:30 a.m.

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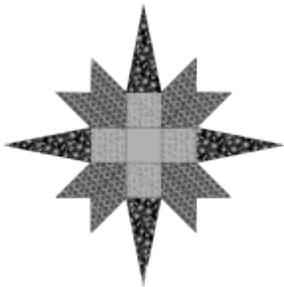
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