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From the president's desk

I would like to thank the members who joined the Board and me at the Guild's Annual Meeting and 35th Anniversary Celebration a few weeks ago.

It was both a happy and sad evening. We remembered our beloved Gail Myers who so suddenly passed away on April 23. As I said that night, no one can replace our quilting sister and we will miss her greatly.

Ladies, let's celebrate the life of Gail Myers by sharing our thoughts about this special woman in the June newsletter. Many of us have such fond memories of Gail. Please take the time to send anything you would like to include for a special page in her honor. Her kindness to everyone and her positive attitude come to mind immediately. Short stories or words of remembrance are welcome. Please send your tributes to Alissa Kantola at joy14@hotmail.com no later than May 24th.*

Gail was the Daytime Chapter VP and Cindy Krelle has very graciously volunteered to assume this position. The Board and I would like to thank Cindy and I ask that you all welcome her at the upcoming June meeting.

On another note, I hope you all enjoyed hearing from Jill Stolpestead at the April meeting. Jill is one of the three or four ladies who founded PSQG 35 years ago. I found it very interesting to hear her tell how our Guild was formed. I know the celebration evening was very special to her. Jill will be attending the upcoming Banquet. Please stop by and say hello to her.

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Next newsletter deadline:

June 4, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Send info to Alissa Kantola at joy14@hotmail.com.

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Well, that is it for now. We will begin the Guild's new year June 1st and there are many exciting things coming our way this year.

Thank you for having me be your President this past year and I look forward to more exciting events in 2015-2016!!!

Joyce Jaksa
President

* Entries in memory of Gail may be edited for clarity and to fit the space available.

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

- ❖ Download the Membership Form from our guild website, www.psgg.org, complete the form, and either drop it off at the upcoming banquet, the membership table, 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).

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

May Banquet: May 18, 2015 Eagle Brook Country Club

Eagle Brook Country Club is at 2288 Fargo Blvd., Geneva. The banquet room opens at 6:00 with dinner at 6:45, and the speaker at 8:00.

In keeping with our tradition of helping to stop hunger, we will be collecting canned food items for the Northern Illinois Food

A peek at 2015-2016

Month	Speaker
June	Karla Alexander from Uniontown, OH www.saginawstreetquilts.com

Environmental Tip

Put those threads from your thread catcher and snips from squaring up blocks out for the birds. They will use them for building their nests. The threads and tiny snips are too small for scraps at the quilt show. The birds will also use dryer lint for making nests.

Yvonne Richter



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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.

We look forward to seeing you at the Banquet!

Susan Strasser and Mary Stewart, Activities

Programs and workshops

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>

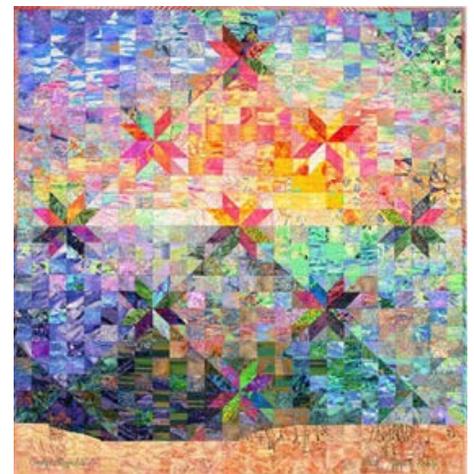
The banquet program will be her **Great Star Review!** which showcases a variety of star quilts from the traditional to the innovative art genre. It's an historic look at the traditional 8-point star designs, ranging from Lone Stars, Hunter Stars, and the new Diamond Quilts in a combination slide presentation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

If you have already registered for Jan Krentz's workshops, you should have received the supply list by email. There are still openings in both workshops, and registration for these workshops is now available to non-members. 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

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:	Supply list
Non-member reg.	Now open

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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".

Note: The second day of the Summer Salsa Lone Star workshop will be held at the Kane County Extension Center on Randall Road in St. Charles, just south of the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Barb Vlack, 2014-2015 Program VP

June 22 and 23: Karla Alexander

Monday 7:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

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



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	Day one at the church Day two at Kane County Extension Center
Cost:	\$110 Members \$120 Non-members
Difficulty	Advanced beginner and above
Supply list link:	Supply list
Non-member reg.	Now open

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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!

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

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Future Quilters Wanted!

We are encouraging all members to bring one or more young future quilters to the July picnic. Grandchildren, children, neighbors, and/or friends who want to enjoy the company of more experienced quilters are welcomed to join us for the picnic. The picnic will be Monday, July 28th, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Congregational United of Christ Church in St. Charles. (Exact address will be provided in the June newsletter and at June guild meetings) We will have activities for all ages to enjoy. In addition, show and tell will include any projects your future quilters have made and want to share. We want this to be a time to share our love of quilting to those who will follow our footsteps.

NOTE: Guild Members whose last name begins with A-P should bring a salad dish to share and those whose last names begin with Q-Z should bring a dessert to share. Also, as in the previous years, please remember to bring plates and utensils for yourself and any guests who may be joining you. More details will be announced shortly.

Diane Moore, Picnic Chair
hdmoore7058@comcast.net



Roundabout workshop notes

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



Wedge-wise workshop notes

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

2015-2016 board

At the April 27th Guild Business meeting the new slate of nominees for the 2015-2016 Guild Board and Committee Chairman was approved by the members. Thanks to all those members who volunteered for these positions! 😊

Please note that there is a correction for the Retreat Committee Chairman, Linda Santoro, as her last name had been incorrectly spelled.

Look for this new Board to take over in June, old faces and new faces. Please welcome them and thank them for their service.

Ginny Wright

Nomination Chairman 2014-2015

Executive board nominations

President	Joyce Jaksa
Programs Vice President	Joanne Sattler
Evening Vice President	Susie Wing
Daytime Vice President	Cindy Krelle
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 Santoro*
	Barbara Carlson*
May Banquet	Barbara Stewart

*Indicates Co-Chairs

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

From the Bee Keeper

As the new guild year is upon us, I would like to thank Sue Robles for sitting at the evening meetings this past year. I could not attend in the evening and her help was invaluable to me. Thank you Sue! I would also like to welcome Dawn Schultz as the new Bee Keeper. I know her outgoing personality will inspire many of you to see what's available and perhaps join a bee or get a group together to start a new bee. Thanks to all of you for stopping by to visit and see what was going on in "bee world!"



*Cindy Krelle
Outgoing Bee Keeper*

Community projects

A thank you note

We received a thank you note from Living Well Cancer Resource Center:

I can't thank you and the Prairie Star Quilt Guild enough for the gorgeous quilts you donated for our youth population here at Living Well. They are so beautifully made and the kids and teens are going to LOVE them. I'm so excited to share them with the children. We so appreciate your time and talent and your sharing them with us. What a wonderful gift! We are so touched by your generosity. Thank you with deep gratitude.

Nancy Aho and Patricia Noonan, 2014-2015



Disaster response

Thirty-four quilts from PSQG were delivered to the Quilts of Compassion Disaster Response Team for distribution in Fairdale, Rochelle and Belvidere, which were affected by the recent

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tornadoes. Thank you to all who contributed their time and talents to creating these quilts throughout the year and to our outgoing Community Projects Co-Chairs Nancy Aho and Patricia Noonan for their efforts in making this happen.

Planning for 2015-2016

We are already planning projects and hope to make it a fun and productive year! We would love to engage all Guild members in community projects and welcome your suggestions. We will not collect or distribute projects at the banquet in May. See you at the June meeting.

*Debbie Long (a.m.) and Kathy Secor (p.m.)
Community Projects co-chairs*

Coming up at the education table

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. There are special activities are being planned.

And then to round up the summer in August I (Edith) hope 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.

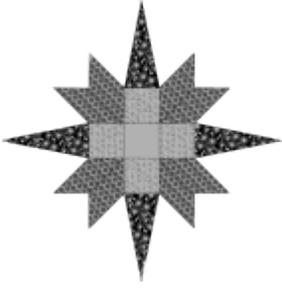
Happy Stitching!

Barb Stewart & Edith Hubbard
Education Coordinators

Happy birthday to ...



Lynn Casey	June 1
Kathleen Pool	June 3
Patricia Walsh	June 3
LeeAnn Dhooghe	June 7
Kay Mary Frank	June 7
Joyce Schultz	June 7
Cathy Halfpenny	June 9
Beth Allendoerfer	June 10
Linda Dettman	June 11
Elizabeth Coleman	June 12
Kathleen Jayko	June 14
Betty Losselyong	June 18
Linda Hayes	June 19
Valerie Langue	June 20
Jacquie Archambeau	June 21
Violet Klebert	June 21
Anne Wray	June 21
Susan Strasser	June 23
Ute Murrin	June 25
Louette Butwell	June 26
Barb Tuman	June 27
Diane Carney	June 28
Ginny Wright	June 28
Kay Duy	June 30



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