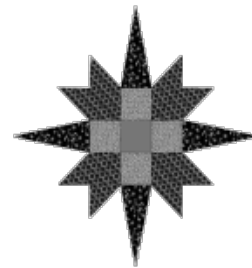


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## From the A.M. Vice President

Hello, Fellow Quilters! I'm home from my dream trip to the Tuscan region of Italy. A hotbed of art, food, wines and wineries, and the most beautiful scenery you can imagine. The weather was in the 80's, the sun shone every day, and I was turned loose in Florence, the center of Leonardo, Michelangelo, architecture sponsored by the Medici family, and all the shopping even the most addicted shopper can manage.

I didn't have a hard time resisting most of the shopping until I came to a fabric store where I fell in love with a scrumptious rich red silk with a pattern of fleur-di-lis, which seems to be a favorite Italian symbol... the perfect fabric with which to make the perfect memory quilt... as soon as I finish up the smaller projects I have started. Do you do that too? Start small projects to do in between the large ones and then let them build up on you? My retirement goal is not to leave any new UFOs before moving on to the next. So far it's not working out too well.

My trip home became something of an adventure when a large bird, I'm guessing it was a crane, decided to take out one of our jet engines as we began to cross the Atlantic Ocean on our way out of Switzerland. We circled the ocean for three hours dumping fuel before returning to Zurich and taking a different flight the following day. So much for all the carefully thought out connections at JFK.

The weather that greeted us at home was really nice and warm for two weeks, but now the bottom dropped out of the temperature and I'm missing Florence. I even kept Florence on my weather app just to make myself realize that somewhere it's still warm. But I'm so glad to be  
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### Next newsletter deadline:

November 6, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Send info to [beckyh@rchconsulting.com](mailto:beckyh@rchconsulting.com).

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home, sleeping in my own bed, resuming the rhythm of my life, visiting with my friends, and quilting. I've completed a baby quilt and am enjoying stitching the binding. Life is good!

Don't forget that the October meeting will be a recap of Prairie Treasures Quilt Show. See you there!

*Gail Myers, A.M. Vice President*

## **Quilt Show 2014**

### ***The excitement continues!***

The programs for the October Guild Meetings will be "A Celebration of the PSQG 2014 Quilt Show"!!

We are planning a fun meeting with updates on the successes of our Quilt Show, including photos, a parade of the ribbon winning quilts (and quilters!), awarding the Challenge Quilt prizes, review of the financials, presentation of our guild donation to Living Well Cancer Resource Center, and a raffle for our volunteers. Plus we want to thank all our Committee Chairs and volunteers who made this show a reality.

And this will be an ideal time to talk with the 2016 Show Chairwomen, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel, about how you can get in on the ground floor and help make our 2016 Quilt Show an even better show.

**Thank you all** and join us at the October Guild Meetings!!

*Jan Sharpless, Leslie Nyckel, and Chris Schwarz*

## **Programs and Workshops**

### **October 27 and 28: PSQG 2014 Quilt Show Review**

Before you get spooked by Halloween this month, join PSQG members to celebrate a successful quilt show. See the winners on parade! Share stories. Have fun. There will be no speaker this month because the focus is on fellowship and a review of the show.

Trick or Treat. There will be no workshops this month.

### **November 24 and 25: Gail Stepanek**

**Note: There are no workshops in November. Enjoy the blessings of Thanksgiving.**

Gail is a winner! Most recently she, along with quilter Jan Hutchison, has won the APQS Best Longarm Quilt award at Quilt

## **Welcome new members!**

We would like to welcome the following new members to our guild. Please look for them wearing their yellow ribbons and make them welcome.

- ❖ Debbie Berry from Elgin
- ❖ Wendy Kalisz from Glen Ellyn
- ❖ Joyce Keane from Batavia
- ❖ Lorrie Matuszak from Villa Park
- ❖ Carol Moore from St. Charles
- ❖ Diana Nelson from Edgerton, WI
- ❖ Linda Santoro from Schaumburg
- ❖ Sharon West from St. Charles
- ❖ Sheri Klaich from Naperville
- ❖ Barbara Lies from Wheaton
- ❖ Angela Pfaff from Naperville
- ❖ Susie Shaddle from Plano
- ❖ Audrey Vonesh from Elgin



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Week 2014 in Paducah and 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Traditional Bed Quilts at AQS Quilt Week 2014 in Phoenix. Her quilt, "Stars on Mars," won Best of Show for a bed quilt and 1<sup>st</sup> place as a pieced bed quilt at the Indiana Heritage Show. She has the rare privilege of bragging that she's been not only a "Cover Girl" but also a "Centerfold" --- rather, her quilts have had these honors in quilt magazines. Her lecture, "Flying by the Seat of My Pants," will explain her designing process that produces unbelievably beautiful and intricate pieced quilts! Gail will be giving the same lecture at both chapter meetings.

**December reminder: no meeting in December.**

### 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.

### Monday workshop: Cathedral Doves An Italian Adventure in Color and Texture

**Note:** This workshop involves both hand and machine work.

Lynn has designed for PSQG a one-block project that can be expanded to be a pillow, wall hanging, or quilt.

There will be some advance sewing before the workshop to piece the half-square triangles. Your choice of colors will be determined by the kit that you purchase.

Kits will include silk, wool, and upholstery fabrics to create the mixed media effects.

One of the medallions shown in the example on this page will be used in the workshop to highlight a block.

Keep an eye on the PSQG website for more details as they become available. There has been a delay in getting all the information because Lynn is preparing this project for a quilting retreat in Italy. She is offering us an exclusive pattern for the workshop, and is gathering appropriate fabrics for the kits.



### Cathedral Doves workshop notes

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| <b>Date</b>                          | Monday, January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015                     |
| <b>Hours:</b>                        | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.                                      |
| <b>Cost:</b>                         | \$30 Members<br>\$35 Non-members                            |
| <b>Additional fees:</b>              | Kit fee estimated at \$30                                   |
| <b>Supply list link:</b>             | (coming soon)   |
| <b>Non-member registration opens</b> | November  |
| <b>Notes</b>                         | There will be some advance sewing of half-square triangles. |

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Registration for the workshop will be available at the October and November meetings. **Workshop spaces are going fast! Sign up now!**

### 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.

### 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.



**Castle Wall- The Block**

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

## 2014-2015 at a glance

| Month   | Speaker   |
|---------|---|
| Nov.    | Gail Stepanek from New Lenox, IL  |
| January | Lynn Schmitt from Wheaton, IL<br><a href="http://www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com">www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com</a> |
| Feb.    | Mickey Depre from Oak Lawn, IL<br><a href="http://www.mdquilts.com">www.mdquilts.com</a>                            |
| March   | Sue Spargo from Uniontown, OH<br><a href="http://www.suespargo.com">www.suespargo.com</a>                           |
| April   | In house demos after the Annual Meeting   |
| May     | Banquet speaker: Jan Krentz from San Diego, CA<br><a href="http://www.jankrentz.com">www.jankrentz.com</a>          |

### Castle Wall workshop notes

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| <b>Date</b>                          | Monday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015 |
| <b>Hours:</b>                        | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.                   |
| <b>Cost:</b>                         | \$40 Members<br>\$45 Non-members         |
| <b>Additional fees:</b>              | Kit fee \$25                             |
| <b>Supply list link:</b>             | <a href="#">Supply list</a>              |
| <b>Non-member registration opens</b> | November                                 |

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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!

### Tuesday Workshop: Pieced Hexies – The Wheelie



Wheelie Hexie

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.

*Barb Vlack, 2014-2015 Program VP*

### Workshop Lottery for Sue Spargo!

Sue Spargo is famous for her ethnic folk art designs stitched with a variety of fabrics, especially hand dyed wool for applique, and embellishments with beads, charms, and embroidery. For inspiration, her website is [www.suespargo.com](http://www.suespargo.com). Go there to familiarize yourself with what Sue has to offer.

Due to the anticipated popularity of registering for Sue’s **two-day workshop March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, we will be having a lottery** to determine the lucky winners of spots in the workshop. This may be the only fair way to handle the competition for the limited number of student spaces.

We are negotiating about the project, but know it will have a wonderful design that will offer an opportunity to learn a variety of stitches. The picture here is *an example* of one of Sue’s workshops. A kit will be required and some advance preparation for the class will be necessary. The cost of the kit is expected to

### Pieced Hexies workshop notes

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

### Happy Birthday to ...

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Carol Gent            | Nov. 4  |
| Shirley Dickenscheidt | Nov. 5  |
| Lois BushmanSpognardi | Nov 5   |
| Barbara Vlack         | Nov. 7  |
| Kathy Steere          | Nov. 8  |
| Erica Barrett         | Nov. 9  |
| Kathy Elvin           | Nov. 9  |
| Joyce Jaksa           | Nov. 9  |
| Lois Larson           | Nov. 12 |
| Joanne Sattler        | Nov. 12 |
| Mary Weinschreider    | Nov. 16 |
| Sandy Schweitzer      | Nov. 17 |
| Ann Garrison          | Nov. 19 |
| Diane Hubberts        | Nov. 20 |
| Teresa Kasch          | Nov. 22 |
| Juanita Brook         | Nov. 25 |
| Adele Jeschke         | Nov. 25 |
| Carol Andermann       | Nov. 27 |
| Sue Juns              | Nov. 27 |
| Eva Thorn             | Nov. 28 |
| Denita Jackman        | Nov. 29 |
| Judy Kaulfuss         | Nov. 29 |
| Cheryl Burdine        | Nov. 30 |
| Heidi Clayton         | Nov. 30 |
| Diane Hinton          | Nov. 30 |

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be at least \$50.00. More details will be presented as they become available.

The workshop is two days: **Monday, March 23, 2015**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., including a one-hour lunch break, and **Tuesday, March 24** from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. including a one-hour pizza dinner break. The workshop will be held at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** in St. Charles. **Cost is \$85.00**, which includes the pizza and beverage on Tuesday (but not lunch on Monday). The cost of the kit is not included in the cost of the class.

Here’s how the lottery is going to work:

- ❖ **Applications for the workshop will open on November 1, 2014**, for mail-ins and will also be available at the November chapter meetings. Applications for this workshop **will not** be accepted at the October meetings due to logistics. Please use mail or wait until the November meetings.
- ❖ **How to apply for the lottery:** Submit your check for \$85.00, made out to Prairie Star Quilters Guild, **and a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE)**. Be sure to include your name, address, email address, and a phone number on a separate slip. Mail to Barb Vlack, 36W556 Wild Rose Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 **or** deliver the check and SASE to the workshop registration table at either November meeting. Cash will be accepted in person only at the November meeting and a receipt will be issued. **Note:** An application check or cash without the SASE will not be accepted.
- ❖ **Deadline:** All applicants whose checks & SASEs have been received by **noon (the end of the morning chapter meeting) on November 25, 2014**, will have their names put into the drawing on that date for a class position. You do not have to be present to “win.” There will be a maximum of **25** students allowed in the class. If 25 or fewer members have applied by the deadline, all will automatically get into the class. **But if** more than 25 applications have been received by the deadline, all will be put into a drawing for the 25 class positions. Timing for when the application is received by Barb will not matter, so the first is just as good as the last up to the deadline.
- ❖ Those who do not get into the class will have their checks returned, which is why the SASE is required. If requested, they will be put on a waiting list. If a class



**Lottery Quick Notes**

(please read entire article)

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>When you can apply:</b> | Starting November 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| <b>What to include:</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Check for \$85 to PSQG</li> <li>❖ Self-addressed stamped envelope</li> <li>❖ Paper with your name and contact information</li> </ul> |
| <b>Where to enter:</b>     | November Guild meetings <b>or</b> mail to:<br>Barb Vlack<br>36W556 Wild Rose Rd<br>St. Charles, IL 60174  |
| <b>Deadline:</b>           | Noon, November 25 <sup>th</sup> at the end of the Guild meeting.  |
| <b>Max class size:</b>     | 25. If fewer than 25 apply by the deadline, all of them are in the class.   |

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position becomes available, there will be a drawing from the names on the waiting list.

- ❖ "Winners" who are not present at the time of the drawing on November 25<sup>th</sup> will be notified of their acceptance by mail (via the SASE) and they will be considered **registered**.
- ❖ There will be no refunds for this class, though you may transfer or sell your spot to another student or to someone on the waiting list. Please contact Barb if you need to make your spot available to the waiting list. [barb@barbvlack.com](mailto:barb@barbvlack.com)
- ❖ The lottery is available to PSQG members only. After December 1<sup>st</sup>, if there are still openings in the class, registration will continue and be open to non-members as well.

*Barb Vlack, 2014-2015 Program VP*

## Activities

It's not too early! For what you say? Well, it's not too early to register for the first-ever PSQG spring retreat in Racine, Wisconsin, at the brand-new Siena Retreat Center on Lake Michigan (<http://www.racinedominicans.org/retreats.cfm>)! Although this event is not until March 2015, we expect it to fill quickly— and there are only 24 spots available. Go to the Activities section of the PSQG Web site for full details and a registration form ([click here](#) and scroll down). We'll accept registrations from Guild members only until December 1<sup>st</sup>; if there are slots left after that, we'll open registration to individuals outside the Guild. For this retreat, you have three options: Wednesday through Sunday, Thursday through Sunday, and Friday through Sunday. (Wouldn't the registration fee make a wonderful Christmas gift from your family?)

We hope you'll plan to join us for a wonderful time away from home with quilting buddies!

*Susan Strasser ([strasser23@gmail.com](mailto:strasser23@gmail.com)) and Mary Stewart ([maryk\\_stewart@hotmail.com](mailto:maryk_stewart@hotmail.com)).*

## Coming up at the Education table

Barb and I want to let you know what we plan for the Education Table for the next few months.

In **October** we will show you a way to connect the end of your binding without sewing the ends together for

## Web Tip of the Month!

Don't forget that our website is a great resource and tool. We plan to build our virtual "bulletin board" area and you can help! Check out [http://psqg.org/?page\\_id=1607](http://psqg.org/?page_id=1607) and let us know if there are quilting things to do in our area. Know of a "Quilty yard sale" or a small show we may not have heard about? Let us know, and get in the habit of clicking for fun! Drop Caron Carlson a line at [bigtimequilter@yahoo.com](mailto:bigtimequilter@yahoo.com).



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small projects (as seen on Sewing with Nancy on a PBS station).

In **November** there will be a pattern for a heart shaped needle keep just in time to make for Holiday gifts for your stitching friends.

Happy **January** and starting a new year. 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).

Happy Stitching!

Edith Hubbard & Barb Stewart  
Education Coordinators

## Nominations

We have many PSQG board positions open for 2015-2016, due to the many board members completing their term of three years. We need to fill the following positions:

- ❖ Evening Vice President
- ❖ Secretary
- ❖ Contracts (for Speakers)
- ❖ Activity Co- Chairs
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Community Project Co-Chairs
- ❖ Newsletter
- ❖ Public Relations (web- mistress/ publicity)
- ❖ Nominations Committee

We need committed members to keep our Guild top notch so please consider one of these positions. Email or call me for more information or talk to the current board member who is in the position you are considering. I will be talking to lots of you in the next two months. Thanks!

Ginny Wright, [Ginny.wright@comcast.net](mailto:Ginny.wright@comcast.net)  
630-513-1418

## Member News

Marla Margelewski and a wool candle mat she made will be featured by AccuQuilt in October! Marla made the mat using her AccuQuilt, posted the picture to the AccuQuilt website, and it was passed around via Facebook and Pinterest. Look for Marla in AccuQuilt's Quilter's Spotlight around October 20<sup>th</sup>.



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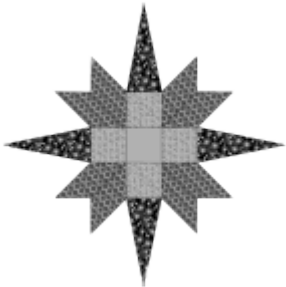
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