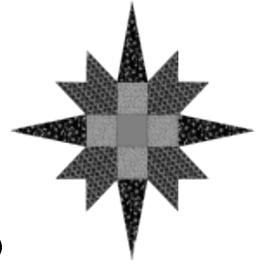


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From The President

Happy New Year! For most people, the beginning of a new year is a time to reflect on the past and to make plans for the future and that's a good thing. But, for me, New Year's usually means a bad case of the post-holiday blahs.

You see, I love the holidays, the colors, the music and, of course, the yummy cookies! I love decorating the house and the tree, shopping for gifts, giving them and, of course, receiving them. But, what I don't like, is realizing the day after Christmas that the tree and all those decorations have to come down. The cheerful holiday music which just a few days before had me dancing to the Jingle Bell Rock now becomes a constant reminder that my next official holiday day off isn't until April. And, all those yummy cookies have gone straight to my backside. The shopping is great until those credit card bills take the place of the Christmas cards in your mailbox and all the gifts I received have to find a place in my already overcrowded closets and drawers. I say...bah humbug!

Well, not this year, ladies. This year I have decided the best cure for the holidays is to quilt something, get inspired and make something beautiful! Our newly designed website is a perfect source to be inspired with all the wonderful opportunities you have to make 2012 the "Year of Quilting". So sit down at your computer and log in to www.psqg.org to check out the wonderful speakers we have coming up in 2012. Or sign up for the spring retreat and spend a few days of quality sewing time with your fellow guild members. Take a workshop and learn some new techniques from some of the

best quilters in the country. Get involved, join a Guild committee or help us make the 2012 Quilt Show the best ever by helping to sell raffle tickets, collecting fabric scraps, books and magazines and volunteering at the show! I say, leave that Christmas tree and the decorations up just a little longer, keep dancing to those holiday hits and forget that your backside has expanded – those cookies were worth it! Happy New Year (and this year, I mean it) and Happy Quilting!

Bonita Deering

[2011-2012 Programs and Workshops](#)

Please note:

- 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 or sent to Mary Stewart, 27W240 Waterford, Winfield, IL 60190.
- 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.

- 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, IL 60174.

January – Lisa Binkley

Workshop: Monday, January 23, 2012; 9:00am–4:00 pm Cost: \$65; *Beginning Bead Embroidery* **NEW!!!** (Replaces *Bead Embroidered Ornaments*)

Guild Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2012; 7:00 pm; *Working in Series to Spark Creativity*

Guild Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2012; 9:30 am; *Continuous Threads*

Workshop: Tuesday, January 24, 2012; 1:00–4:00 pm; Cost: \$40; *Beading on the Edge*

Our January lecturer and workshop teacher, Lisa Binkley, is yet another in the series of award-winning individuals who have come to our Guild this year. Her work has been exhibited in the Smithsonian Art Museum's Renwick Gallery, Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Bellevue Arts Museum, among others. Her full-day workshop, *Beginning Bead Embroidery*, will teach us most of the basic stitches used by beaders—and you'll go home with a sampler of these stitches. Lisa's half-day workshop, *Beading on the Edge*, will explore ways to use beads on the edges of quilts or garments. Again, you'll go home with a sampler to use for reference and inspiration. Required supplies for each class will be a \$15 kit (available for purchase at the class) and your own pair of small, sharp scissors.

<http://lisabinkley.typepad.com/>

February – Anita Shackelford

Workshop: Monday, February 27, 2012; 9:00 am–4:00 pm Cost: \$65; *Broderie Perse Applique*

Guild Meeting: Monday, February 27, 2012; 7:00 pm; *Designing the New Album Quilt*

Guild Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2012; 9:30 am; *Surface Textures*

In February, our Guild is fortunate to be hosting Anita Shackelford, who is a noted speaker and teacher, specializing in design, appliqué and surface-enhancing quilting techniques. We'll be able to learn from her expertise in all these areas. Her two lectures focus on design and the way surface textures are used to enhance designs. Her intermediate-level, full-day appliqué workshop ("Broderie Perse Appliqué") will teach us how to take a focus fabric and design an appliqué that is inspired by it. For those of us who learned invisible machine appliqué in November, this workshop will be an excellent next step.

<http://www.anitashackelford.com/>

March – Linda Halpin

Workshop: Monday, March 26, 2012; 9:00 am–4:00 pm Cost: \$65; *Prairie Lilies Scrap Quilt*
 Guild Meeting: Monday, March 26, 2012; 7:00 pm; *History and Folklore of Quilting*
 Guild Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 2012; 9:30 am; *1x1: A Trunk Show of Quilts Using 1 inch x 1 inch Squares*
 Workshop: Tuesday, March 27, 2012; 1:00-4:00 pm; Cost: \$40; *Baltimore Album Techniques*

For our March 26th workshop, we'll use joyous colors that combine to create Prairie Lilies, constructed in Linda's own two-for-one technique. Piecing in this method creates cutaways that are ready to go into a bonus quilt, so you are actually making two quilts at the same time AND making use of every bit of fabric. Linda will cover the following: how to choose and combine fabrics for a quilt, how to execute her two-for-one piecing method, and how to embellish the pieced work with applique, (including a very nifty technique to create stems). In addition to the Prairie Lilies quilt, students will also be making a bonus quilt out of the cutaways. Linda's Monday evening lecture will give us insights into both the history and folklore of quilting, while her Tuesday morning trunk show of quilts that use 1-inch squares will again showcase her two-for-one technique. Finally, if all this isn't enough, Linda's Tuesday afternoon workshop will focus on Baltimore album techniques. (Don't you think of Elm Creek quilts when Baltimore album quilts are mentioned?) Anyhow, come see for yourself how these fabulous quilts are created and make your own sampler of techniques for reference (a kit fee will be required).

www.lindahalpin.com



May – Laura Wasilowski

Guild Banquet: Monday, May 21, 2012; 7:00 pm; *Art Quilts: The Musical*
 Workshop: Tuesday May 22, 2012; 9:00 am–4:00 pm Cost: \$65; *Four Little Landscapes*

<http://www.artfabrik.com>



Retreat, Retreat, Retreat

Hurry to get one of the eight spots open! Retreat into a sewing weekend with fellow quilters! It is going to be a fun opportunity to sew and mingle with others. You can work on some of your UFO's. Please mark your calendar for the weekend of March 2-4, 2012. The retreat runs from 3 PM on Friday March 2nd until 12 PM on Sunday March 4th. It is in a very nice retreat center in Darien, IL, which is easy to get to and the food is good. Just think - no cooking for a whole weekend and you get to do your favorite activity of sewing! The cost is \$165 for double occupancy and \$185 for a single room. You must pay by February 1, 2012.

If you would like to join us, **call** Diane Moore at (630)587-2475.

Banquet Special

Our annual May banquet will take place on Monday evening May 21st, 2012. It will be held at St. Charles Place in St. Charles, IL. It is a very accessible banquet hall, and there is plenty of close parking. We will have a chicken entrée, a tilapia entrée, and a vegetarian entrée. The cost will be \$35. Please set time aside to come! It is a fun filled night including a chance to win one of several door prizes.

Pacific Rim Sale

Pacific Rim is a company that does a lot of Hawaiian applique and other applique (aka, my penguin quilt)

So anyone interest from my class – or anyone interested in the dirty 7 letter word – applique – may be interested.

Here's the link.

<http://www.prqc.com/>

Sharron Evans

Do you have any quilt-related news to share with the guild?
Email or call me and I'll put it in the next newsletter. Deadline for the next newsletter is February 9th. Thanks!

Susan Cook, Editor
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(630)377-8517

Quilt Show 2012

2012 Quilt Show Update

Happy New Year!! 2012 - the year of our fabulous quilt show! Let's hope this reminder finds you all busy making quilts to enter into the show... and don't forget your Challenge quilts!

Response to the request for needle-keeps has been amazing, but we can still use more - please give your completed needle-keeps to Kay Nolan. We have submitted our raffle quilt to the AQS Show in Paducah - keep your fingers crossed! We will be notified of our acceptance (think positive!) in early March. Raffle quilt ticket sales are off to a good start - don't forget to pick yours up at the next guild meeting.

We will have quilt show bookmarks available at the January meeting - please let us know if you are willing to take bookmarks to your favorite quilt shop on your next visit. We will be signing you up for this wonderful task at both the a.m. and p.m. Meetings.

The next meeting of the quilt show committee is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2012 at Prairie Shop Quilts - a reminder and agenda will be sent to all committee members.

Lynn Murphy
Jan Sharpless

2012 Quilt Show Entry Form

The new entry form can be found on the PSQG website under Guild Show - Members Section. It is not too early to be thinking about which quilts you want to put into the show.

Ginny Wright

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2011-12**

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Raffle Baskets For The 2012 Quilt Show

Your Raffle Basket Co-Chairs are looking for a few good bees that will come to the aid of our guild and create a lovely themed basket for our 2012 show!!

We encourage each bee (or bees to join together) to create a basket! Donations for the baskets are collected at guild meetings (and parking lots of all sizes and shapes!). A basket will be located in the back of the room with a **Raffle Basket Donation** sign for your beautiful items!! Kathy and I will be available at the A.M. meetings if you have any questions or you are welcome to email us (look down at the bottom). As you go through your own sewing rooms or peruse your favorite quilt shoppes, please think of donations for your basket. Items should be in excellent condition or brand new.

Here is a list of available basket themes:

Appliqué
Knitting
General Quilting
Batiks
Threads

If your bee is doing a basket, please let one of us know your theme.

Happy days,

Teresa Kasch
tkasch@comcast.net
Kathy Elvin
kaelvin@aol.com



Raffle Quilt Tickets

Raffle tickets for our Celestial Garden Raffle Quilt will be available at the guild meetings. They will be the usual \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You will be able to purchase them or you can pick up a packet to sell. We will also be looking for volunteers to visit other guilds with the quilt to sell tickets and to man our booth at the Sew Expo in March.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

Chris Schwarz
Edith Hubbard

Magazines, Books, And Patterns

My name is Jennie Roy and I am the 2012 chairperson for magazines, books and patterns. My plan is to have you place your items in the trunk of my car. It will save all of us a few steps. I will be at both meetings 30 minutes before and have the trunk of my car open for you to place your items. Start your spring cleaning. Thanks for your help.



Quilt Show Boutique

Thanks to all who have donated items for the boutique.

We have some wonderful items made by our members – bags, table runners and much, much more. No I-Pad or Kindle covers yet – so please consider making one or more of these as they will be a great addition to the Boutique.

We will accept any items made new for the boutique, but we need all of your contributions to make the Boutique a success.

One of us will be at most of the guild meetings to accept items you make. But if we are not there, we will have a box labeled Boutique Items. Please put your items in the box and we will get them. Pin a piece of paper with your name on the item. We are keeping an inventory of items and would like to acknowledge all of your contributions. Happy Stitching!

Thanks.

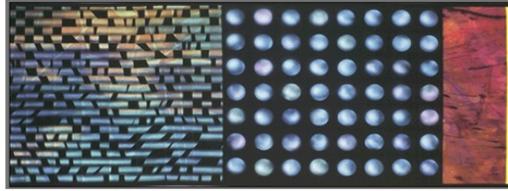
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Challenge Quilts

We have 52 adventurous ladies signed up to make a challenge quilt for the 2012 quilt show. Remember, this does not have to be an art quilt. If anyone needs a copy of the instructions/rules, or if you've forgotten your theme and color,

please contact me via e-mail at g.rodney@att.net.

Georgia Rodney



Unleash your inner child and come play with my friend Butch.

Who is Butch you say?

Butch is my little air compressor and with him and an airbrush gun you can make the most fascinating fabrics.

So, if you'd like to keep a piece of airbrushed fabric, simply bring along a small (fat quarter size) heavy white fabric (canvas, broadcloth) and we'll spray it up. Or if you just want to just give it a shot, I'll have some canvas to play with along with some stencils.

So come on over to the education table this month and try something different!

It's fun for even you traditional quilters!



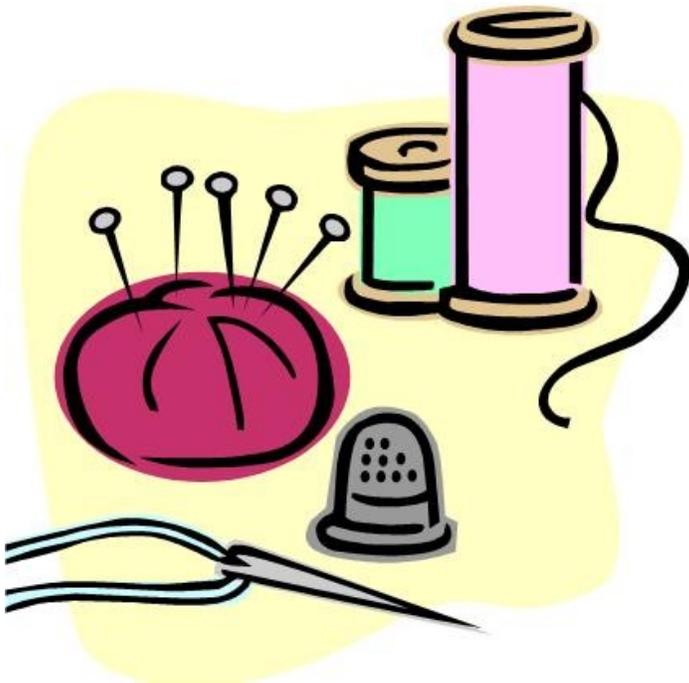
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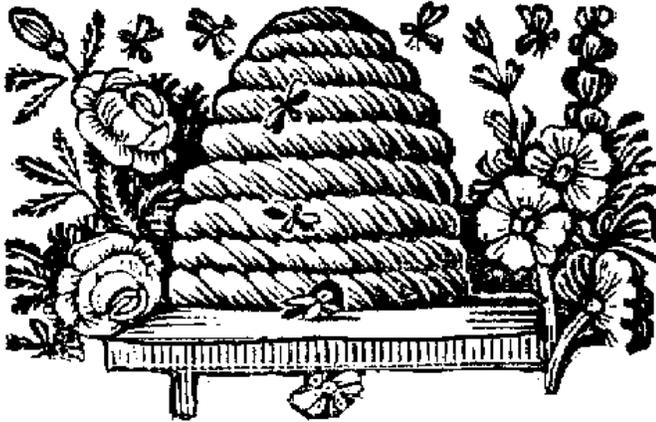
We have several exciting opportunities related to the Sew Expo that will be held March 22-24, 2012 at the Renaissance Center in Schaumburg again this year. We are hopeful that we will be able to display and sell tickets there for our raffle quilt, so we will need volunteers to take a shift and sell tickets. Also, we have the chance to get a special \$5 group rate (as we did last year) if we have 30 or more people sign up for a single day's attendance. Last year we chose the Friday of the show which seemed to work out well. The pre-paid \$5 entitles each person to a one-day admission (\$10 value), an Expo shopping bag (\$4 value), a commemorative pin (\$5 value), and a \$5 voucher for a class ticket (to be redeemed at the expo dependent on availability). It's a great value if we have enough people who want to sign up and pay their \$5 at the January guild meetings. Check your calendars now and bring your \$5!



**January 2012 Birthdays
Happy Birthday Guild Members!**

Sandy Biederstadt	Jan. 18
Angelika Brinkman-Busi	Jan. 24
Marcia Cameron	Jan. 20
Diane Evinger	Jan. 24
Deb Figved	Jan. 7
Nancy Gambrel	Jan. 27
Kari Grece	Jan. 6
Leanne Hurley	Jan. 31
Martha Lauger	Jan. 2
Linda Santoro	Jan. 25
Joan Amling	Jan. 12
Marion Schlindwein	Jan. 24
Chris Schwarz	Jan. 23
Lori Smalarz	Jan. 17
Barbara Stewart	Jan. 29
Jodi Werkema	Jan. 12





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Buzzin' From the BeeHive!

I love the holidays, but how calming to get back to whatever "normal" is! A schedule that actually fits into 24 hours and includes some sleep, for instance. Not much has changed around the ol' BeeHive since we haven't met since November, but that hasn't stopped us from anticipating the coming year. Dear Jane is ready to break loose with a great leader, Sharron Evans, and a great location, Sharron's home which contains a quilt studio to dream about. Knitters have been buzzing on their own and are ready to move out in 2012.

Can't wait for the January meeting, to see current members and meet new ones.

Queen Bee,
Gail Myers

Membership

Welcome to renewing, new members and guests. The membership committee is striving for a consistent count of members and guests at our monthly meetings, thus, everyone will need to verify dues have been paid by initialing their name for the current month at the membership table before the meetings. **If your name is not on the membership list you will have two options: renew for the year or pay a guest fee for that one meeting.**

Don't forget your name tag. We like to greet our fellow quilters. We know your faces but not all your names.

If you have any questions regarding your membership please contact:

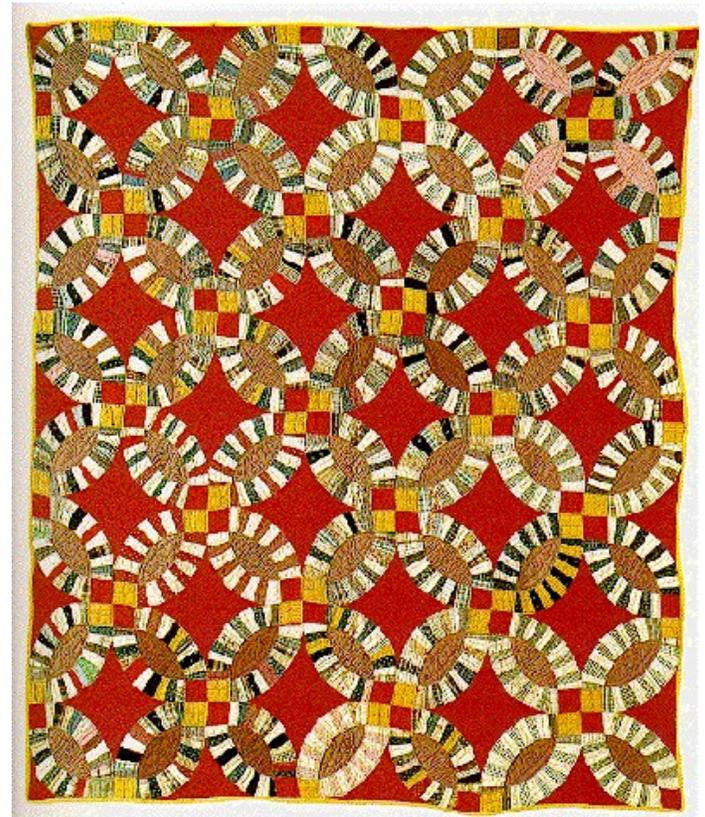
Barbara Stewart - 630-406-0445
barb_stewart@att.net



Calling All Members: We Need YOU!



Now that our 2011-2012 Guild year is half over, we're beginning to assemble a slate for next year's Guild board. If you've thought you might like to become a bit more involved in the Guild, this is your chance! We're now looking for people who might enjoy serving as our newsletter editor, education chair, charity projects chair, and nominations chair. Education, charity projects, and nominations can all be shared positions. If you'd like more information on what would be involved, would like to volunteer, or would like to suggest someone for these positions, please contact Susan Strasser (strasser@aps.anl.gov; 630-443-6640).



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Check the body of the newsletter for more details.)

January meetings

Board meeting, Tues., January 3, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Evening Guild, Mon., January 23, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Morning Guild, Tues., January 24, 9:30 am

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

February meetings

Board meeting, Tues., Feb. 7, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Evening Guild, Mon., Feb. 27, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Morning Guild, Tues., Feb. 28, 9:30 am

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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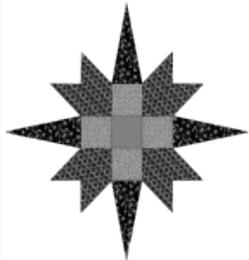
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1/2 page \$40/issue

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