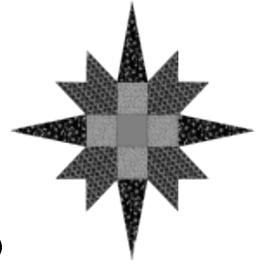


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From The Morning VP

Welcome to February where LOVE reigns!! As I sit here at the computer, I have a wonderfully effervescent candle burning, beautiful quilt on my shoulders and a classic love song on the radio...*Wild thing, You make my heart sing...You make everything groovy...*well, the Troggs are not quite Engelbert Humperdink! Anyway, love of all things quilts, needlework and friendships surely makes the world go around here at PSQG...and applique will seize the day in this month of *amore*!!

Our lovely friends at the Programs table invite you to participate in the upcoming March and May workshops. March welcomes Linda Halpin, who's lectures are terrific and workshops fill the bill for piecers and appliquers! She, like our wonderfully memorable January speaker Lisa Binkley, is a friend from the north in Wisconsin! Linda's workshops are posted on our guild website with the supply lists (www.psqg.org)...I know I'm signing up, join me won't you?!! Our banquet speaker is the always entertaining Laura Wasilowski and the sign-up list is open for her workshop *Four Little Landscapes* on Tuesday, May 22nd, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Mary Stewart, Susan Strasser or Yvonne Richter will be happy to help you with your workshop decisions at the Programs table.

Speaking of the banquet (where delicious food & entertainment join the perfect mix of quilts & friends!), now is the time to get your table reserved and choose your meal! We are heading to *St. Charles Place* in St. Charles (just west of Charlestowne Mall) where the dining is wonderful! See the article from your Activities team in this newsletter...let's celebrate a great year of inspiration and all things wonderful about our passion for quilting!

Before we can enjoy the year-end celebrations we have a bit of business to share with you. This year several board members, headed-up by our President Bonita, have formed a committee to scour the guild's by-laws for updates and relevancy. Their job was enormous and tedious, but these wonderful women (you'll meet them all at the April meeting) have completed their task! The result is posted in this issue for you to read and vote on at the April business meeting. Please join me in offering our sincere and deepest thanks for their dedication...it's this kind of spirit of volunteerism that makes this guild so very special.

But we're not done yet! The board has a surprise for you this April...after the informative and delightful business meeting (meet the new slate of board members, vote on new bylaws and find out the new programs for 2012) we are having movie night!! Your feature film...*Stitched...*a fun-filled documentary following three quilters racing to complete their entries for the International Quilt Festival in Houston. For more information on the feature presentation visit www.stitchedfilm.com. And what would a "movie night" be without popcorn! Yup! We didn't forget the best movie nosh ever, so plan on coming to our April 23rd meeting...the fun starts at 7pm!

We welcome a master of applique to PSQG this month, Anita Shackelford! We've seen the books, the quilts and heard the praise, and know we get to spend treasured time with her! Join Anita and your quilt sisters on Monday the 27th as Anita lectures on *Designing the New Album Quilt* and Tuesday morning for *Surface Textures*. It won't be the same without you!

Here's a gentle reminder to remember your checkbooks for your banquet and program sign-ups...and I'm sure Anita will have special items of "quilting love" to sell too!!!

I sure enjoy being with you each month on that special Tuesday morning...because *you make everything groovy!*

Piece,

Teresa Kasch

Air your quilt on a line the first clear day after the vernal equinox

- put it back on the bed -
your love will be refreshed and renewed!
- *old superstition*

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.

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*

Not an art quilter? The full-day workshop on May 22, 2012 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) by noted artist Laura Wasilowski may help you change your mind. You'll be creating four little landscapes and placing them in wonderful fabric frames. Laura's techniques will show you how to dress up simple views of sky and ground by free cutting, pattern building, and improvising, as you fuse various layers of colorful hand-dyed fabric (available in the required \$20 kit). Let your inner artist emerge!

<http://www.artfabrik.com>

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.

PSQG Proposed By-Laws

Every three years the PSQG Bylaws come up for review to ensure that they are accurate and representative of the goals and intentions of the guild. This year's committee has been extremely thorough in reviewing and updating the Bylaws. The revised Bylaws will be up for approval at the April business meeting. Below is a brief summary of the major items that were modified.

- 1) The start and finish of the membership year has shifted to now be the same as the start and finish for the Guild year. The Guild year runs June 1 through May 31.
- 2) Officers of the PSQG can now hold an office for three years instead of two.

These are the major changes. The committee also improved the clarity and readability of the document. You can find the proposed By-laws on our website www.psqq.org; then look under Guild Info. Please, take a few minutes to review them and be prepared to vote in April.

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 March 8th. Thanks!

Susan Cook, Editor
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Quilt Show 2012

2012 Quilt Show Update

Only **8 more months** until our Quilt Show!!

We have lots of things to do to get ready, but progress is being made:

- The list of Vendors who have committed to be at our show is now posted on the PSQG website. We have almost reached our limit of vendors!
- We have just about reached our goal for the number of needle-keeps, but we can use some more. Thanks to everyone and all the Bees who have helped.
- We have made a decision to purchase more fabric to make drapes that hang behind the quilts when they are displayed at the show, so every quilt will be framed by a drape and look lovely!
- Keep working on your quilts to display in the show! And definitely consider entering one of your quilts into the Judged portion of the show.
- Listen at the February Guild Meeting to hear what additional items the Boutique would like to have donated and what items we need for our Raffle Basket lineup.
- We still need volunteers to travel to some local quilt shops to place our Quilt Show store signs and bookmarks at the shop. This is a real "hardship" assignment, but we hope that volunteers will step forward to take on this perilous task!!
- Our next Quilt Show committee meeting will be April 13, 10a at Bonita's.

We are rolling towards another fun and beautiful quilt show!!

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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*indicates co-chair

Raffle Baskets For The 2012 Quilt Show

Your Guild Show Raffle Baskets are beginning to take shape, but we could still use your help! At the February meeting we will have suggested item signups for the Thread Basket and the New Quilters Basket. To signup for a donation, please see the lists at the Beekeepers Table. Labeled containers will be located in the back of the room 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 our baskets. Items should be in excellent condition or brand new.

So many of you have contributed...we are so *very grateful* for your *generous hearts!!*

Kathy Elvin and Teresa Kasch

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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.

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





Challenge Quilts

Ladies, you may begin to hand in your Challenge Quilts at the February meetings where there will be a large basket. Please make sure your quilt has the identification slip from the bottom of the Challenge Quilt instructions. Your quilt should have a label sewn to the back and the paper instructions pinned to the back. Your entry should be in a pillow case or fabric bag which has your name on it. **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS AUGUST 31.** After that time only a bribe of CHOCOLATE will allow you to hand in your quilt! Seriously, in order to plan for display, it is essential you do your best to get me your quilt on time. I hope everyone is enjoying making theirs (or at least thinking about it). Call or e-mail me with questions.

Georgia Rodney

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Scraps Still Needed!

Despite all of your valiant efforts to rid your personal sewing spaces of extra scraps (by donating them to the PSQG scrap committee, of course), we still need more if we want to meet the goal set for us by our quilt show budget! So, we're asking you to dig deep and bring us more! We'll reward you with sorted and labeled bags of scraps for you to purchase at the show (thus helping our guild budget) and use for your own wonderful projects! Convinced? If so, bring your scraps to any guild meeting or workshop or call one of our scraps committee members. We'll give you directions to our homes so you can drop your scraps off. Or, if you say "pretty please," we might even come and pick them up!

We thank you!

PSQG 2012 Scraps Committee

Liz Fitzgerald,

Judy Scheppach, 406-3567;

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Yvonne Richter, 630-450-0037



Quilt Show Boutique

We have been receiving some wonderful items for the Boutique. Thanks to all you have contributed so far.

But as you can guess, we can use more – much more. We have not received any Kindle/Nook or I-Pad covers yet. We think these will be big sellers and are hoping to have several to offer. If you are interested, but in need of a pattern, look on this website <http://tipnut.com/ipad-kindle-covers/>. There are 41 free patterns to choose from.

We could also use some pillowcases for kids, items that folks could hang on their doors at Senior residences and anything to do with the holidays and seasons. – Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, etc. These are big sellers since the show is in October.

Also, if you make American Girl doll clothes, we will be selling these at the Boutique. They are always a popular item!

One of us will be at most of the guild meetings to accept items you make. In any case there will be a box labeled Boutique Items. Please put your items in the box and we will get them. Also, 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.

Again, thanks to all of who have donated. If each of you make one item the boutique will definitely be a success.

Thanks.

Barb Stewart - barb_stewart@att.net
Susan Cook - sec2004@comcast.net



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

Sharon Bold	Feb. 2
Marcy Christensen	Feb. 2
Mary Conway	Feb. 2
Susan Cook	Feb. 12
Charlene Cooper	Feb. 11
Judy Corfield	Feb. 5
Dorothea Cowsert	Feb. 23
Bonita Deering	Feb.22
Charlotte Drew	Feb. 4
Betty Evans	Feb 14
Gloria Friedrich	Feb. 20
Julie Grisham	Feb.14
Ruth Kay	Feb. 22
Carolyn Kernan	Feb. 25
Mary King	Feb 25
Janice Lindenmeyer	Feb. 28
Elaine Morgan	Feb. 8
Kathy Newcomb	Feb.6
Pat Noonan	Feb. 25
Pat Polachek	Feb. 14
Margit Rippberger	Feb.27
Lauretta Schneider	Feb. 4
Kathy Secor	Feb. 16
Debra Steffes	Feb. 22
Mary Winegar	Feb. 13
Peggy Wolfe	Feb. 16
Carol Wood	Feb. 26

HERE'S A QUICK IDEA
FOR EMBELLISHING AND BEADING

WANT TO KNOW HOW TO MAKE YOUR
PIECE LOOK LIKE YOU SPENT HOURS
DOING BEADWORK? COME LEARN
SHARRON'S SHORT-CUT THAT SAVES
TIME BUT STILL GIVES YOU ALL THE
CREDIT OF THOSE FINELY BEADED
QUILTS WE ALL LOVE!



Choices

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



I've sought inspiration a quilt for to make.
There's a wide choice of patterns,
Now which should I take?

Here's Baltimore Album
And Sunbonnet Sue,
Seven Sisters, Clay's Choice and Log Cabin
too.

Anvil and Churn Dash, and Birds in the Air,
There's Country Crossroads, and City Square.

Broken Dishes, Tree of Life,
LeMoyné Star, and Contrary Wife.

Mexican Star, Pickle Dish,
Cherry Basket, and Goldfish.

Thousand Pyramids, Irish Chain,
True Lover's Knot, and Airplane.

There's Tangled Garter, and World's Fair,
Kansas Troubles, and Windblown Square.

Hovering Hawks and Flying Geese,
I really don't know what to piece!

Four-Patch, Nine-Patch, Tumbling Blocks,
Grandmother's Fan and Jack-in-the-Box.

Spiderweb, Kaleidoscope,
There must be one, I've not lost hope.

I've thought and thought, I'm ready to wilt.
Eureka!

I'll make a sample quilt!

Author: Jacquie Scuitto

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Winter Quilt Show

Washington County Fair Park, West Bend, WI
Friday February 17 & Saturday February 18

Sponsors:

[Material Matters Quilt Shop](#), Cedarburg, WI
[RagSpun](#), Brandon, WI
[The Quilted Basket](#), Menomonee Falls, WI

Washington County Fair Park
3000 Hwy. PV
West Bend, WI 53095
Phone: 262-677-5060

Name of organization: Salt Creek Quilt Guild

Name of event: Salt Creek Quilt Guild Quilt Show
“Quilted Gems”

When: March 3&4, 2012

Time: 9-5

Cost: \$6

Where: Hinsdale Community Center; 415 8th;
Hinsdale, IL

Contact: quiltedgems2012@gmail.com,

Features: Opportunity quilt raffle, over 400 quilts, silent auction, merchant mall, demonstrations, certified appraisers, sewing machine raffle, member boutique, bed turning, scissors sharpening and food available.

Web site: saltcreekqg.org

Lilac Time Quilt Show

We would like to invite you this April and May the Lombard Historical Society will be hosting a Lilac Time Quilt Show. The quilts will be on display in the Victorian Cottage Museum throughout Lilac Time. Visitors to the Victorian Cottage Museum will have a chance to vote on their favorite quilt thru Wednesday, May 16, 2012. The winners will receive a ribbon and a Lilac Time poster. You are welcome to submit a quilt for the show! Quilts must be no larger than 36 x 36 inches and must have some shade of purple in the pattern. Entries are due at the museum by Wednesday April 18, 2012 by 3:00pm.

Contest forms will be available for download on our website or at the museum after April 1. Please contact our Education Coordinator by email alisoncostanzo@att.net or at 630-629-1885 with questions.

Alison Costanzo
Education Coordinator
Lombard Historical Society
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

February meetings

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

March meetings

Board meeting, Tues., March 6, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Evening Guild, Mon., March 26, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Morning Guild, Tues., March 27, 9:30 am

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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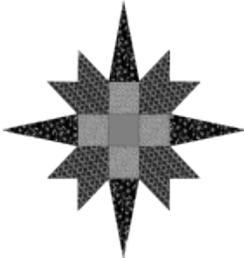
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