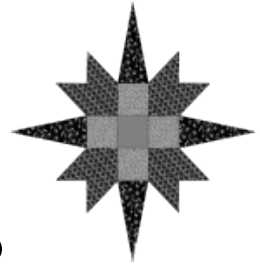


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Quilt Show 2012

**** Breaking News****

Next stop – Paducah!!! It’s official, our 2012 raffle quilt, “Celestial Garden”, has made it into the American Quilter’s Society 2012 Show in Paducah!! Congratulations and many, many thanks to all of you who worked on the quilt and to Sherrie Letzter, designer, and Edith Hubbard, quilter!

Only **7 more months** until our Quilt Show!! Still time to finish your quilts for the show! At every show the quilts are the stars and this year will no exception, so keep on piecing and quilting! Give some serious consideration to entering one or more of your quilts in the judged portion of the show – PSQG is lucky to have some extremely talented quilters!

Other news to report:

- Mark your calendars for the upcoming Sewing & Quilt Expo, March 22-24, 2012. PSQG will have a booth at the show to display our raffle quilt, sell tickets, and promote our 2012 Quilt Show. We also plan to have the raffle quilt pattern available for sale.
- A sew-in is being planned to put together the new drapes for the show. We will issue a call for sewers and sergers to help us complete this project. In all likelihood we will meet at the church – please stay tuned for more information about this event.
- Joyce Jakska is working with the committee chairs to determine the number of volunteers that will be needed at the show. Be thinking about where and when you want to volunteer to help make the show a huge success!

· The next Quilt Show meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 13th at 10:00 at Bonita’s (aka Prairie Shop Quilts). A reminder and agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

Lynn Murphy
Jan Sharpless

From the Evening VP

Two of my goals this year are to reduce my stash and reduce my weight. So far neither has happened. How can it when the selection of fabrics and foods is so enticing? It was NOT my goal to increase evening attendance, but Barb Burdette counted 78 people at the last evening meeting; a big increase for us. We’re gaining on you a.m. people! Yes, I know some of you wanted to hear both lectures by Anita Shackleford, but whatever the reason, we were happy with the good attendance. Anita skillfully shared her insights into designing and completing a masterpiece.

The wonderful lineup of speakers continues in March with Linda Halpin presenting two lectures; Monday’s is “History and Folklore of Quilting”, Tuesday’s is “1x 1: A Trunk Show of Quilts Using 1 inch x 1 inch squares.” Check the newsletter for more information on these lectures and the two workshops with piecing and applique features. They sound fantastic! Linda is from Wisconsin (you know, Laura Ingalls Wilder and Little House in the Big Woods) so we expect some insight into Midwest quilt history.

2011-2012 Programs and Workshops

There will be no Show and Tell in April and May since the business meeting and the banquet are scheduled. You may bring your completed or almost completed project to the March meetings and we'll be delighted to see your treasure. If you are in Paducah in April, look for the Prairie Star raffle quilt. Yes, our guild quilt has been selected for display! Congratulations to everyone who had a part!

At the April business meeting, the new slate of board members will be introduced, changes to the bylaws explained, and new programs for 2012 briefly mentioned. After the voting, you will enjoy the movie "Stitched..." while munching on popcorn and other goodies so mind and body are fed. "Stitched ..." has the feel of reality TV shows as three quilters race to complete their entries for the Houston quilt show. (This is probably a reminder to keep working on your entries for the PSQG autumn show!)

Two last reminders: The librarians are in the process of making the final selections for purchase of additional library materials. If you have a request, please let them know ASAP. We have such a wonderful library and a generous loan period! Thank you, ladies!

April is the deadline to sign up for the May banquet at St. Charles Place on May 21. We'll have an evening of entertainment planned by Diane and Chris and featuring a great quilt artist, Laura Wasilowski. Hope to see you there.

Ingrid Nelson

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.

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>

Here's Millie!

Mildred Sorrels will be speaking and teaching in June, and although it's been a long time since she was here last, she is remembered fondly for her generosity with knowledge, and humor in her presentation. Her lecture topic is "Quilts, Past and Present." She will show some jaw-dropping award winning quilts and she will be offering two workshops.

10-4 Monday the 25th-Heirloom Machine Quilting-Although this class is not for the quilting newbie, she will take any level of some experience and show you how it's done. From marking to learning control. Mildred has always done her amazing quilting on a small machine, and she's willing to share all her secrets! \$65, Kit available

1-4 Tuesday the 26th Cutwork Needleturn Applique - Fine stems and invisible stitches are hallmarks of great applique, and this project covers those topics and more. Mildred's Applique

is stunning, and she teaches us how! Even if you are somewhat new to hand applique, see why everyone loves this lovely and relaxing needleart. \$40

Contact me via email bigtimequilter@yahoo.com or see me at the April meeting to reserve your place,
Caron Carlson, Programs VP

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.

On this occasion at which we celebrate our friendship and enjoy a wonderful meal, we thought it would be nice to do a little something for our neighbors who are going through hard times now. We are asking each attendee to bring a non-perishable food item to the banquet. Our contributions will be given to a local food pantry in the name of the guild. If you bring five or more items, we will give you an extra door prize ticket!

Please sign up for the banquet at the March or April meetings.

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 April 5th. Thanks!

Susan Cook, Editor
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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.

Quilt Show 2012

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.

If your quilt is larger than 96" by 96" please put your 4" wide quilt sleeve, used for hanging your quilt, on the back at most 94" from the bottom of your quilt. You can buy a kit or make this sleeve. We will fold over the top portion of the quilt. Call me, Ginny, with questions. 630-513-1418

Ginny Wright

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Quilt Show	Lynn Murphy
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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 guild meetings 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 hand in your Challenge Quilts at the guild 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

g.rodney@att.net

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;

Susan Strasser, 630-443-6640;

strasser23@gmail.com

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



March 2012 Birthdays Happy Birthday Guild Members!

Sandra Andrews	March 7
Sue Balsiger	March 17
Alice Bowdish	March 1
Elizabeth Fitzgerald	March 2
Sharon Gaffor	March 17
Lyneta Grap Piela	March 15
Becky Hall	March 21
Judy Herman	March 17
Marty Jacobsen	March 4
Susan Jensen	March 24
Sue Needham	March 21
Jean Noethlich	March 20
Leslie Nyckel	March 25
Pat Pecho	March 16
Barbara Rippel	March 13
Nancy Shiner	March 20
Joann VanDril	March 3
Enid Voytilla	March 31

Upcoming Quilt Shows

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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DeKalb County Quilt Guild Show

DeKalb County Quilt Guild will hold its biannual Quilt Show on Saturday, September 29, 2012 and Sunday, September 30, 2012 at the Sycamore Middle School (150 Maplewood Drive, Sycamore IL 60178). See our website for a poster or bookmark.

We encourage all quilters, new and experienced, to submit an application by August 25th, 2012. An application form may also be found on our website:

<http://www.dccg.org/quiltshowpages/showentry.html> in .pdf format.

Northwest Illinois Quilt Expo

Join vendors, speakers and attendees from the tri-state region for the first annual Northwest Illinois Quilt Expo on March 16 and 17 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Freeport Lincoln Mall (1255 W. Galen Avenue) in Freeport, IL. Advance tickets are being sold at the Fifth Third Bank in Freeport for \$3 or you may buy your tickets at the door for \$5.

With more than 20 vendors, speaker and aisles of quilt exhibitions, this is a show you won't want to miss.

All profits from this event will be donated to Sojourn House (www.sojournhouse.com).

More information can be found at www.nwilquiltexpo.com



Lights, Camera, Quilting

That's right, folks, this year we are going to liven up the April Business meeting by going Hollywood. After we get through the business meeting, we will dim the lights, hand out the popcorn (yep, we're going to have real movie popcorn) and enjoy a wonderful documentary called "Stitched...The Movie". The film follows three art quilters – Carol Bryer Fallert, Hollis Chatelain and Randall Cook – as they work on their entries for the 2010 International Quilt Festival in Houston. These three quilt artists have become well known for their amazing talent and for their rebellion from the "standard" expectations of quilts submitted for judging. It should be a great night! I hope you'll plan to join us!

Also, that evening we will be collecting items to donate to a great charity called Clara's Calling. I'll have a list of items they need and more information on the charity in the April newsletter. In the meantime, if you'd like to learn more about Clara's Calling, check out the website at www.clarascalling.com.

Here's their mission:

"It is our mission to help win the hearts and minds of the Afghan people through your humanitarian gifts and to provide economic development opportunities for self-sustainability. By learning how to sew Afghan women can begin to lift themselves out of their uneducated cycle of poverty they experience in their society. We can help build their self esteem and community spirit by giving them products to make clothes for their families and for sale."

Bonita Deering

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.**

The Prairie Star Quilt Guild by-laws are being updated which results in a fiscal year change from 9/1-8/31 to 6/1-5/31. There will be a **one time** adjustment to the dues: Renewing member dues will be \$27 and new member dues will be \$35. All memberships will subsequently be renewable 6/1/2013 which will reflect the new fiscal year dates. The difference in renewing member fees for 2012-13 is that they have paid for 3 extra months that are affected by the year change. Guest fees will remain at \$5 per meeting. Dues will be collected at any upcoming meeting and at the May banquet. Renewing members paying cash please have correct change. Questions please direct to Barb Stewart, Barb Burdette or Elvira Illig.

Just in case you forget your name remember your name tag!!

On behalf of this year's Nominating Committee, I'm pleased to submit the following slate for Executive Board and Elected Chairperson positions for the 2012-2013 PSQG program year. Elections will be held at the April meeting.



Position	2012-2013 Proposed Slate
Executive Board	
President	Bonita Deering
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Community Projects	Nancy Aho Joyce Keane
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Contracts 2014-2015	Barb Vlack

Quilts of Valor

We invite you to make 2 1/2 squares – patriotic or other – of good quality cotton. Then make them into a 16-patch square. Make one - Make many. We will collect these, offset them with snowball blocks and with 55 of these and the snowball blocks = a QOV!!

Thanks to all who have made and given 16 patch squares. So far we have 84 and that is enough for three quilts tops. We even have a lady who wants to make snowball blocks!

Return to Rita Pennington, garpipenn@att.net (630-897-7469) <http://lolqov.blogspot.com>
ritap@QOVF@org

Quilt Show Chair Lynn Murphy - 2012
 Jan Sharpless - 2014

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Strasser
Chair, 2011-2012 Nominating Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

April meetings

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Joint Guild, Mon., April 23, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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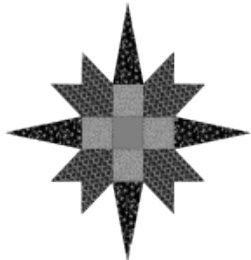
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1/2 page \$40/issue

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