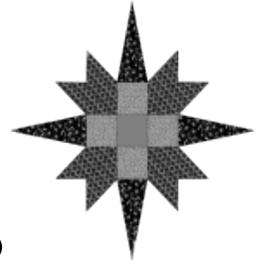


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From the President

Hi all! Now that summer is here...what a minute, it's only April; well, in that case, it's time for our annual Business Meeting. Don't get too excited, I know in year's past the Business meeting has been non-stop laughs, hugely entertaining and standing room only but...this year we've decided to get serious, focus on the numbers and take stock of the past year with the somberness and respect that a business meeting deserves. ZZZzzzzz!

OR, we can get thru the numbers (which Jan has promised will be riveting!), vote for the revised by-laws (now really, it doesn't get more fun than that), watch a presentation of our upcoming speakers (actually this part really will be fun!) and the election of the new slate of officers (think of it like Oscar night – it's an honor to be nominated AND everyone is a winner!) Then, we're going to dim the lights, distribute the popcorn and candy and have some fun watching the movie – Stitched!

And now that I've got you really excited let's carry that enthusiasm into the next guild year with amazing speakers, our annual picnic where we all get to premiere our "First Quilts", a fabulous quilt show, and more! Make this year the one when you sign up for more workshops, join a committee (or two), volunteer to help at the quilt show, sell some raffle tickets, bring a new quilting friend to the guild and help us make this year our best yet. So, join us in April to finish out the old year and kick start the new and along the way I know we'll have a great time, too!

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.

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 at bigtimequilter@yahoo.com. I'll also be at the April meeting for Sign ups.

Caron Carlson, Programs VP

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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.

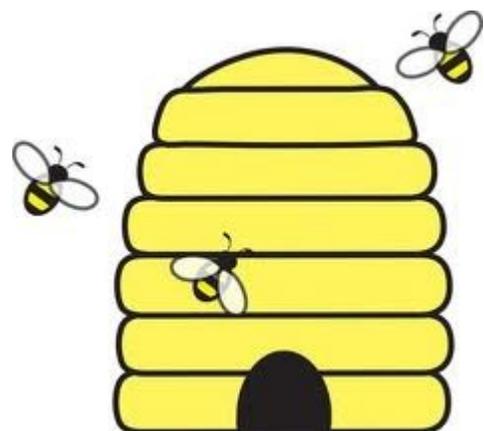
Buzz from the Beehive

Well, this amazing spring is re-energizing all of us, and we're ready for new adventures. The Dear Jane Bee is on its way to a great beginning with Sharron Evans as hostess for the initial meeting on Sunday, April 15. Twenty-one eager Dear Jane enthusiasts will bring ideas and tools to kick off the new bee. I'm sure they're going to set us all on our ear.

With the popularity of knitting showing up at all our meetings, we're trying to organize a bee just for them. The sign -up list has been contacted and pending responses, we'll kick-off that group also.

Until then, I'm sewing, gardening, and cooking. See you at guild,

Gail Myers
Bee Keeper



PSQG Quilt Show 2012

Quilt Show 2012

Reminder!! For all of you going to the AQS Show in Paducah - don't forget to look for "Celestial Garden" - the beautiful raffle quilt for our upcoming show!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to sell tickets for the quilt at Sew Expo! Sales were good and we received lots of compliments on our quilt. The pattern for the raffle quilt is now available and sells for \$12.00. It includes lots of colored photographs and detailed instructions. Thanks to Jan Sharpless, Sherrie Letzter, and many proof-readers for getting the pattern finished.

Please continue to make items for the boutique, donate good quality scraps, and donate books and magazines for the show. Every little bit helps!

The next meeting of the Quilt Show Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 13th, 10:00 a.m. at Prairie Shop Quilts (aka Bonita's place) in Batavia. The agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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.

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.

We will be putting the directions for making a sleeve for your quilt on the website soon.

Call me, Ginny, with questions.
630-513-1418

Ginny Wright

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 May 3rd. Thanks!

Susan Cook, Editor
sec2004@comcast.net
(630)377-8517

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.

Spring is here and time to clean out Patterns, Books and magazine. It will make you feel great and the Guild will benefit at the Quilt Show.

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

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2011-12**

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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 can still use Kindle/Nook or I-Pad covers. 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 be a big success.

Thanks.

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



April 2012 Birthdays Happy Birthday Guild Members!

Mary Jane Battaglia	April 29
Sandie Bils	April 13
Kay Brynelsen	April 2
Christine Buss	April 3
Pam Daleiden	April 6
Donna Fowler	April 11
Linda Harlson	April 16
Elvira Illig	April 27
Diane Johansen	April 2
Gwyneth Johnsen	April 2
Deanne Karsmanian	April 26
Margery Karlovsky	April 11
Esther McMinn	April 29
Lynn Murphy	April 29
Kay Nolan	April 2
Carol Nunns	April 20
Sue Pawlowski	April 13
Emilie Pollman	April 8
Sandra Rodenback	April 7
Jennie Roy	April 3
Lorraine Tritthardt	April 24

The Textile Society, The Art Institute of Chicago

Fabric of a New Nation: American Needle work and Textiles, 1776-1840 is on exhibition now in the Department of Textile galleries. There are some lovely examples of needlework: bedcovers, coverlets, quilts, samplers and other textiles that explore the evolution of American textile traditions during these years. Don't delay! As you know, to keep textiles in their best condition we can only display them for short periods. Don't miss this exhibition that will close on May 16.

Twixt Art and Nature: Representation of Flora and Fauna in English Embroidery is the title of the wonderful program that is The Textile Society's spring event. Presented by Melinda Watt, Associate Curator for Sculpture and Decorative Arts, and Supervising Curator of the Antonio Ratti Textile Center at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, it will focus on the abundance of flora and fauna found in domestic embroidery of the 17th century. She will explore and explain symbolism and sources of designs of floral and fauna which are often stylized but still identifiable, using examples from the Metropolitan Museum and other public collections. We would be pleased to have you and your chapter members join us for this program and tea and the opportunity to meet Melinda Watt on Wednesday, April 25 at the historic Fortnightly Club in Chicago.

You can make your checks payable to The Textile Society in the amount of \$35 for each guest and mail them to The Textile Society; The Art Institute of Chicago; 111 S. Michigan Avenue; Chicago, IL 60603. We always welcome calls and clicks (312-443-9198 or textilesociety@artic.edu) for information on our programs and our membership.

Fern Grauer
President

PSQG Banquet

Please join us for an evening of food, friendship and fun at the annual banquet.

Date: Monday, May 21

Location: St. Charles Place
2550 E. Main St. (Rt. 64) - N side of Rt. 64 between Dunham and Kirk Rd.

Schedule:
6-7 PM social hour with a cash bar
7 PM dinner followed by door prizes and our fabulous speaker Laura Wasilowski

Cost: \$35

The deadline to sign up for the banquet is May 10, so please sign up at the April meeting or send a check (payable to PSQG) to:
Chris Schwarz, 1559 Mission Ct., Bartlett, IL 60103

Please indicate your choice of entree (chicken marsala, tilapia with spinach and capers, or vegetables Wellington) and your seating preference with your check.

Also, please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to the banquet. We will contribute the food to a local food bank in the name of the guild. If you bring 5 items or more, you will receive one extra door prize ticket.

You will also be able to sign up for guild workshops at the banquet, so don't forget your checkbook!



SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

FROM YOUR EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON

TIP #1

EVER WONDER HOW TO PICK JUST THE RIGHT COLOR COMBINATIONS FOR YOUR QUILT. WELL, BEFORE YOU HEAD OFF TO YOUR FAVORITE FABRIC SHOP MAKE A PIT-STOP AT YOUR LOCAL PAINT OR HARDWARE STORE. THEY ARE FULL OF WONDERFUL PAINT CHIP CARDS WHICH PUT TOGETHER SOME GREAT COLOR COMBINATIONS BY SOME OF THE TOP INTERIOR DESIGNERS. SOON, YOU TOO WILL BE MAKING STUNNING QUILTS. P.S. DON'T FORGET USING "VALUE" ALSO. LIGHTS MEDIUM AND DARK IS WHAT MAKES A QUILT SPARK!



TIP #2



HOW ABOUT TAKING AN OLD PENCIL LEAD CONTAINER (USED TO HOLD LEAD FOR MECHANICAL PENCILS) AND ADDING A MAGNET AND JEWELRY PIN TO HOLD YOUR HAND SEWING NEEDLES. MAKES A GREAT TRAVELING IDEA!

Lights, Camera, Action

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

Products Needed for donation for Clara's Calling project. Drop off at the April PSQG Business Meeting on April 23. Thank you!

Bags or Totes Bindings Books and Old Magazines. Vintage Women's Home Journal with pictures. Buttons Cutters & Accessories Elastics & Cordings Embroidery Fabric Care Products Fabrics especially white, gray or black but any kind can be re-dyed by them. No religious or PIGS. Fasteners Interfacing & Stabilizers Sew In Knitting Supplies Lace Machine Aids Marking Aids Needles - Hand Needles - Machine Needles & Accessories Organizers Patches Personal Care Items Pincushions Pins - Safety or Straight any kind Ribbon Rulers & Accessories Scissors School Supplies Sewing Accessories Soaps & Cleaners Stencils Tailoring Aids Thimbles Threads - Any and all colors, sizes and types Zippers any kind or size

Dues

2012-2013 dues for renewing members will be \$27. New members will be \$35. A renewal form may be obtained from the PSQG website or at guild meetings including the banquet. Forms and payment may be turned in at meetings or they may be mailed to Barbara Stewart. **Please complete form fully even if your information remains the same.** Should you choose to pay with cash we would appreciate having the correct change. Dues should be received by 7/1/12. Members choosing to participate in the quilt show must be in good standing by July 1. The fiscal year is now from June 1 to May 31. The dues adjustment is for this one year only as the dues year is reconciling with the quilt guild year.

Guest fees ongoing will reflect updated adjustments. Please refer to information provided by the program chairman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April meeting

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

May meeting

Board meeting, Tues., May 1, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Guild Banquet, Mon., May 23, 7:00 pm

St. Charles Place

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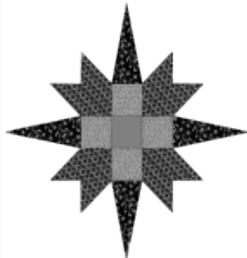
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