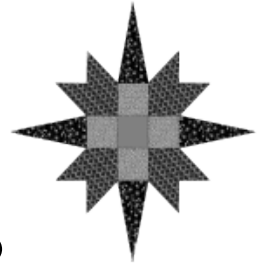


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From the Morning VP

*It's May! It's May! That lovely month of May!!
When everyone goes blissfully astray!...ok, the words aren't exactly right, but then the thoughts of the song are bit naughty! BUT, in our case here at PSQG, it is a time to go blissfully astray and celebrate a wonderful year of inspiration, learning and friendships! It's time for our Banquet! It's not too late to join us and get your ticket...I guarantee this event will have you rolling in the aisle (thanks to Laura Wasilowski), enjoying scrumptious food & drink (thanks to St. Charles Place) and being with the most terrific women to take it all in...your guild sisters!! We truly have so much to be thankful for and what better way to show our gratitude for the gift of our needle & thread than stopping to enjoy each others' company...and eat!! And give a hug to all those wonderful women that made your year so much fun...your bee sisters, the lady that sits next to you each guild meeting, the hospitality staff, the raffle quilt ladies who brought our talents to Paducah, the Programs gal that helps you figure out what workshops to sign-up for, the people who inspired you try something new in your quilts, and Bonita for her dedication to our guild (and for that delicious popcorn at the Business meeting!!). Also, many thanks to Chris Schwarz and Diane Moore for all their talents and work to make our Banquet so lovely!*

For many of us May is also a time for family events - graduations, First Communions, Mother's Day, Memorial Day picnics - so take time this month to slow down a bit and enjoy family & friends...but remember June is just around the corner with a new guild board, new programs and new inspiration! Don't miss it...the fun begins June 25th and 26th...I'll be looking for you!!

Keep a smile in your heart!
Teresa Kasch

[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 June 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 June 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 May Banquet for Sign ups.

July Workshop

Join Kathy Jayko in July for a workshop based on a Bonnie Hunter design called Crosses and Losses. We will meet at Prairie Shop Quilts on July 24th from 1-4 PM

So-Use up your scraps! This is an easy pattern using one and a half inch squares and strips. Learn tips and tricks for making these contrasting scrappy blocks as a warm up to your own lap to queen size version.

All descriptions, sample pictures and supply lists are available on the guild [website](#) , or call or email Caron Carlson 630 879-0000 bigtimequilter@yahoo.com

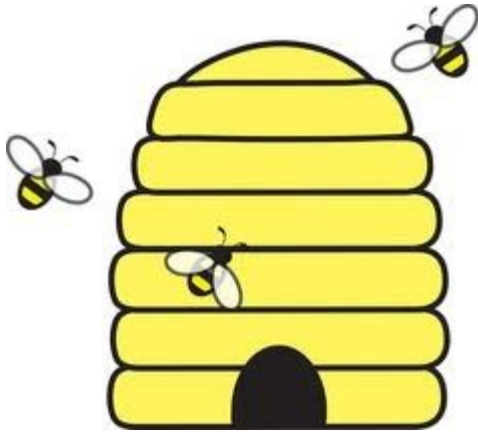
Caron Carlson, Programs VP

Buzz from the Beehive

The kickoff meeting of the Dear Jane Bee took place on Sunday, April 15, on tax day but more fun. The bee will be meeting at Sharron Evans' house in Bartlett and hostess duties will rotate among the members. The first meeting was well-attended and really fun, and membership is still open for the time being. So if making a Dear Jane quilt is on your Bucket List, now is the perfect time to jump in.

Buzzing off for now,

Gail Myers
Queen Bee



PSQG Quilt Show 2012

Quilt Show 2012

Oh my!! Can you believe it? Only 5 more months until our Quilt Show!!! The next couple of months will be busy for everyone- finishing quilts to show, finishing challenge quilts, and working on the final details of the show.

- In case you haven't heard, CELESTIAL GARDEN won "Honorable Mention" at the Paducah Show!! Congratulations to everyone who helped make the raffle quilt. It looked stunning hung with the other quilts at Paducah on the Main Floor. And there were quite a number of Prairie Star members at the show to see the quilt! Please keep selling raffle tickets to your friends, family and neighbors!

- The Official Volunteer Sign-up sheets will be at the June Guild meetings. But, if you won't be there, and want to volunteer, please contact Joyce Jaksa jsjaks@gmail.com to get your name on the list for your favorite activity now. We will need volunteers for all aspects of the show! And remember, if you volunteer for working at the show, your admittance is free that day.
- We are still accepting good quality quilting fabric SCRAPS, items you have made for the BOUTIQUE, any BOOKS and MAGAZINES and PATTERNS that are gently used, but NO Scraps or Books/Magazines/Patterns will be collected at the Banquet.
- The next Quilt Show Committee meeting will be on June 21, at 10a AT THE DuPage County FAIRGROUNDS!!
- Be sure to visit the website for the Quilt Entry Form and all the other info about the show.

Thanks for your help!!

Lynn Murphy
Jan Sharpless

Quilt Show Boutique

A big thanks to everyone who has made items for the quilt show boutique. We have some wonderful items! It is amazing what else quilters can make besides quilts!

We will be collecting items at the banquet, so if you are ready with some items, please bring them along. There will be the usual box marked "Quilt Show Boutique Items" on a table.

Susan Cook and Barb Stewart

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.

Directions for making a sleeve for your quilt are on our website under Show-member information.

I will have a sample of a sleeve and how to make it at the June meeting.

Remember, you can turn in a picture of your quilt top on your entry form with the size even if it is not quilted yet. The deadline for entry forms to be turned in is AUGUST 1st!

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

Volunteers Needed to Sew Drapes for the Quilt Show

This is an "All Hands On Deck" call for HELP to sew hems and sleeves on fabric to make more drapes for our Quilt Show in October.

You may recall that at our preceding shows, we never had enough drapes to hang behind every entered quilt, and the quilts look so good with a drape behind them separating them from the quilt hung behind it.

So the Board authorized the purchase of additional fabric to be used to make drapes, increasing the inventory that the guild already owns in order to have drapes hung behind every quilt shown this year.

We have the fabric!! Now we need the sew-ers and the machines.

Please let Lynn Murphy know at drslm@sbcglobal.net if you can come **for all or part** of a drape sew-in on:

Monday May 14 from 9am – 3pm at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

We will be cutting the fabric to 8ft lengths, then sewing a simple sleeve on the top and a simple hem on the bottom of each cut piece. Please plan to bring your sewing machine or your serger and a bobbin!! We will have the cutting mats, rotary cutters, and thread.

Give us some help to make our show quilts really stand-out this year.

Thanks!!

Lynn Murphy (Chair) and Jan Sharpless (Co-Chair)

It's been a pleasure being your newsletter editor. Your new editor is Becky Hall. Please send her any newsletter related news at beckyh@ix.netcom.com
Deadline for the next newsletter is June 7th.
Thanks!
Susan Cook, Editor
sec2004@comcast.net
(630) 377-8517

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

Yup! We Still Need Scraps!

If you're like those of us on the scraps committee, when you go to a quilt show, the quilts you drool over are the scrap quilts--those wonderful creations that include hundreds of different fabrics. Please help us continue to find these beautiful quilts at area quilt shows by bringing in your leftover fabrics. We can then sort and bundle them, sell them to scrap quilters who visit our show, thus ensuring that scrap quilts can continue to be made.

We'll be accepting scraps at each guild meeting and workshop (except for the May banquet). Or, if you ask nicely, we'll come pick them up! Just contact one of us!

PSQG 2012 Scraps Committee
 Liz Fitzgerald, 815-715-1600
 Judy Scheppach, 630-406-3567
 Susan Strasser, 630-443-6640
 Yvonne Richter, 630-450-0037

Norge Mangle for sale
Great for Fabric
 \$10 or best offer
 Anne Wray 630-578-7979

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

Dorothy Andrews	May 30
Barbara Burdette	May 22
Caron Carlson	May 18
Sharron Evans	May 1
Barbara Gillespie	May 16
Judy Gould	May 11
Barbara Kreidler	May 12
Debbie Long	May 10
Gail Maggio	May 18
Lorraine Malecki	May 18
Ruth Marsh	May 10
Loraine Miranda	May 11
Deborah Myers	May 13
Janet Sitter	May 20
Debbie Trant	May 29
Melinda VanDril-Beer	May 1
Susan Wing	May 27
Mary Zenger	May 22

PSQG Banquet - It's Time to Party!

This will be an evening of good food, good friends, and quilting fun - with some very nice door prizes, too!

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

What to Bring:

1. A non-perishable food item. 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.
2. Your checkbook so that you can sign up for workshops and renew your membership (if you haven't already done so)
3. Any quilt show donations (boutique items, your completed challenge quilt, raffle basket items, etc.)

Thanks

We would also like to thank these local quilt shops who generously provided door prizes for this event. Please take the time to thank them the next time you visit the shops.

Judy's Quilt n' Sew, Hampshire
Quilt in Joy, Huntley
Prairie Shop Quilts, Batavia
Sew Generously, St. Charles

If you still need to sign up for the banquet, please call Chris Schwarz immediately at 630-483-0383. We need to notify the restaurant of our final numbers by May 11.

Now Available!

“Gramma, Please Tell Us A Story”

by Linda Brodine

You’re invited into the magical world of make-believe.

A patchwork of 8 charming stories and their companion quilts, along with 93 illustrations bound by a common thread: the love of family and children.

Recommended for ages 4 - 12+

144 pages \$12.99 + Tax

Contact: linda@quilt-stories.com

Or 630-945-3006

We're proud to announce that the following slate of individuals was elected by a unanimous vote at the April business meeting of our Guild.

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Program VP 2012-2013	Caron Carlson
Evening VP	Beth Hoffman
Daytime VP	Teresa Kasch
Secretary	Joyce Jaksa
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Membership	Barb Burdette Barb Stewart Elvira Illig
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Contracts 2014-2015	Barb Vlack

Quilt Show Chair Lynn Murphy - 2012
 Quilt Show Co-Chair Jan Sharpless - 2014

Susan Strasser
 Chair, 2011-2012 Nominating Committee

Membership

Renewing and new member dues can be paid at the May banquet. To expedite the process you may print the renewal form from the web to complete beforehand. Forms will also be available at the banquet. 2012-13 renewing member dues will be \$27 and new member dues will be \$35. They should be received by June 1. To renew by mail, information is on the web along with the address of Barbara Stewart, membership chairman.

We look forward to seeing everyone, current and new, for another year of superb speakers and continuing with all our quilting friends

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

May meetings

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Guild Banquet, Monday, May 21, 6:00 pm

St. Charles Place, St. Charles

June meetings

Board meeting, Tues., June 5, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Evening Guild, Mon., June 25, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Morning Guild, Tues., June 26, 9:30 am

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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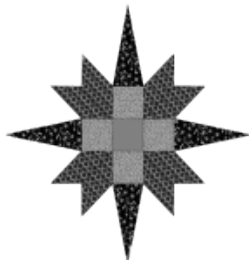
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