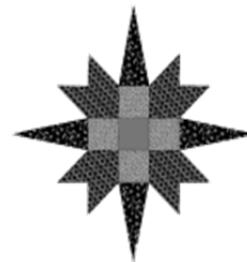


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From the President

I know that when the temperature is hovering at over 95 degrees your thoughts turn to...ice cold drinks, perhaps reading a racy novel by the pool and PICNICS! So, here at the Prairie Star Quilters Guild we can help you out with two out of three (you're on your own to secure the racy novel!) when you join us for our annual indoor Picnic (and whoever it was in the Guild who came up with the idea of an "indoor" picnic – kudos to you!) on July 23. Please note the picnic **is** held indoors and is **not** held at our usual location but rather at the Fox Valley Presbyterian Church in Geneva (details and an address can be found at the guild website). This year's theme is "First Quilts" so bring out your very first quilt (finished or not) and have some fun! I also hear that there will be much more than just First Quilts to keep us occupied but the ladies on the Activities Committee have their lips sealed until then so...join us for a wonderful night of fun, fellowship and more!

And speaking of kudos, wasn't our first speaker of the new Guild year, Mildred Sorrells wonderful? Boy, that lady has a ton of energy and even more talent. I thoroughly enjoyed her workshop and can't wait to take more PSQG workshops this year! And, she's is only the first in a line-up of great and varied speakers Program's Chair Caron Carlson has scheduled for the coming months. I personally can't wait to see what our August speaker, Mary Fisher – a professional organizer, has to say when she views photos of my sewing room (I truly hope she doesn't faint). Consider signing up for her unique workshop where you supply photos of your own sewing space and Mary helps you make it efficient, functional and beautiful. Is it possible??? I hope so!!!

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PSQG July 2012

Don't forget, it's down to the wire to renew your guild membership in time to be eligible to enter quilts in the annual quilt show. The deadline is **August 1st** so bring your checkbook to the picnic to renew your membership and sign up for upcoming workshops. Please note, we do ask that you submit your membership renewal form and check **separate** from your quilt application and payment.

Speaking of membership, I am thrilled to announce that the PSQG Board will be hosting a New Membership Tea in the fall to welcome our new members and introduce them to all the guild has to offer. So if you are a new member, watch for more details coming soon!

And last, but certainly not least, start making plans to participate in some way (or many ways) to make our annual Guild Quilt Show a huge success. We need volunteers, quilts and your support – invite your friends and family to attend. The Quilt show is the Guild's major money maker and helps us to provide our members with outstanding speakers, supports our charitable giving and helps us to purchase the books and DVDs in our library plus much more. Plus it's always a whole lot of fun so you've got nothing to lose by participating. It's a win/win!

Whew! How awesome is summer at PSQG! I'll see you at the picnic (with air conditioning and no ants – Perfect!)

Bonita Deering

Membership

Dues are **DUE IMMEDIATELY**. They can be paid by sending your check along with the renewal form (printed off the web) to Barbara Stewart or submitted at the July picnic. Renewing members are receiving a reduction in the amount with the membership year date change to \$27. New members pay \$35. The membership year is now June 1 to May 31. **If you plan to submit a quilt for**

the show your dues must be paid for the upcoming year by AUGUST 1. The guild and quilt show committee are holding firm to that date so don't be disappointed – get your dues to membership ASAP. The quilt show requirements and membership are two different components thus membership dues are payable to membership. Please do not give dues to the quilt show group.

At every meeting other than the picnic there will be sign in sheets. Please check your name for each meeting you will attend. (Two checks for a.m. and p.m. meetings). If your name is not on the list you will be required to join the membership, pay a guest fee for the meeting or choose to come at another time. We will be holding firm to that policy. Please don't find yourself disappointed at not being able to stay for the meeting if you are not prepared to pay the required fees. Our guild strives to present the best quality teachers and information for our guests and members which comes at a cost. Thank you for being responsible quilters.

Membership Committee

Upcoming Programs and workshops

July: Indoor Picnic and “Quilts from the Garbage Can” workshop

July is our “*Indoor Picnic*” and the activities committee has some fun (without the sun) planned. [editor's note: see the *Summer Guild Picnic* article for more!.]

This program year has started evolving into a “quilt with scraps” theme and **Kathy Jayko** will kick it off with her workshop “Quilts for the Garbage Can” This **workshop** is based on Bonnie Hunter's Crosses and Losses quilt and Kathy will share some tricks about one of her favorite types of quilting-SCRAPS and MORE SCRAPS! This will be held Tuesday July 24th at Prairie Shop Quilts in Batavia (Thanks Bonita!) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and costs \$35 which

will include the pattern. Please see the website for the supply list, or call Caron for a snail-mail copy.

August: Mary Fisher on Organizing

August is for Organizing and **Mary Fisher** of [Sort 'n Release LLC](#) will offer two lectures and a workshop I am so looking forward to! You will email some pics of your space featuring problem areas (eek!) along with a questionnaire to her, and she will project them and make recommendations on how to get your space in shape. (Not that any of us need it, lol!) This **workshop** will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. after the Tuesday meeting and costs \$35. Again, more info along with the questionnaire is on the website under the programs tab.

September: Ewe-nique Creations

Ewe-nique Creations from Elkhorn Wisconsin will have an entertaining program about all things woolie! They are famous for fabulous block of the months, kits, thread and wool- especially applique! You'll get the "itch" for wool. Monday, the 24th, the girls from Ewe-nique will offer a full day workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the church titled "A Time for Wool" for \$60. You will be working on one season from their popular pattern by the same name. Come see why so many quilters love wool.

And more ...

In any given newsletter, I plan to share about 3 months' worth of upcoming programs. The website will feature a bit more and you can always call or email me. Remember, when you take a workshop, you just might meet your new best friend!

Caron Carlson
 Program VP
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General notes about workshops

The following notes apply to all workshops unless otherwise noted in the description.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.

Newsletter Info

Do you have any quilt-related news to share with the guild?

Email me and I'll add it to the next newsletter (space permitting).

Deadline for the next newsletter: July 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Becky Hall, Editor
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Summer Guild Picnic

The Party Continues at our Annual Indoor Picnic!

Please join us for an evening of food and fun **at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church** in Geneva (227 East Side Drive, east of Kirk Rd. and just north of Rt. 38). This is what we call an "organized potluck," so here is the plan:

- If your last name begins with **A through K**, please bring a **main dish salad**.
- If your last name begins with **L through Z**, please bring a **dessert**.

We will provide unsweetened iced tea, sweetened lemonade, and cups (BYO if you wish), but we ask that you please bring your own plate and utensils. You can arrive any time after 6:00 p.m. and we will start to eat around 6:30 p.m.

Note: At my sister's Wisconsin guild potluck they bring muffin tins to keep all the tastings separate. Brilliant! I'm planning what I can do with a 12-muffin tin!

We will have a dual focus this year for our "program." As always we want to celebrate the next generation of quilter/sewers, so if you know a young quilter, please invite him/her to come to the picnic and bring some show and tell items. Our second focus will be a show and tell of **My First Quilt**. Dig out your first (or second) project as you began your quilting journey and be prepared to show it and tell us the story behind the quilt. Finished or not, well-loved or untouched for 20 years, we want to see them!

There will also be some game fun and a few prizes, so please plan to join the party!

Diane Moore and Chris Schwarz

Quilt Show 2012

Our quilt show is October 12 and 13, 2012, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds.

Quilt Show Deadline

Quilters: August 1st is only ... days away. There will be no exceptions to the application deadline. Please start taking photos and send in your quilt show applications. Thanks.

The quilt show committee

2012 Quilt Show Entry Form

The new entry form can be found on the PSQG website under Guild Show – Members Section (http://psqg.org/?page_id=261). The deadline of August 1st is firm.

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. (Pre-made sleeves are also available for purchase at Prairie Shop Quilts.) 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. (http://psqg.org/?page_id=261)

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.

Ginny Wright
630-513-1418

Got Scraps? We Need Yours!

As you're finishing up all your quilts for our October show, we bet you're probably generating scraps. Wouldn't it feel good to get

those scraps out of your sewing space so you can have more room to work? If so, bring your scraps to the summer guild meetings (even the picnic), or email one of us. You can also drop scraps off at our homes, or (if you ask nicely), we might even come and pick them up. Stay tuned for a special announcement in August regarding scraps at the Quilt Show (remember, Bonnie Hunter, the queen of scrap quilting will be doing three--that's right, **three**--full-day workshops for us in May 2013).

The PSQG 2012 Scraps Committee:
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 Yvonne Richter - yrichter@juno.com
 Judy Scheppach - jmscheppach@comcast.net
 Susan Strasser, strasser23@gmail.com

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.

Claire Erickson, cerickson1414@comcast.net

Judy Corfield, jjcorfield@gmail.com

Volunteering

To all members of PSQG:

I would like to thank all Guild members who so graciously signed up at June's Day and Evening Chapter meetings, and to those members who will be signing up in the near future, to help as

a volunteer at the Prairie Treasures' Show in October.

We still have many time slots to fill and I ask that you please look at your calendars and sign up at our July picnic.

You can also call me at 630-427-1014 or 630-404-1014 to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Thank you again.

Joyce Jaksa
Volunteer Committee
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Instant Gratification Boutique

Once again, thanks to everyone who has contributed to the boutique. We have so many lovely items and some interesting things as well. Save your money – there is something for everyone!

We have talked to many of you who are still making items or planning to make them. We will be accepting items at the July picnic. **The August guild meeting will be the deadline to accept Boutique items so we can get everything priced and ready for the quilt show.**

Again, thank you so much – we are going to have an AWESOME BOUTIQUE!

Susan Cook and Barb Stewart

Please save bags for us

We know you're all going to buy many bags of scraps at the quilt show but how are you and everyone else going to carry them? Please save grocery sack size paper bags and donate them and any fabric shopping bags you don't need to Scraps at the picnic or the next meetings. Thanks.

Yvonne Richter

Lost and Found

A razor knife was found in the scraps donated at the June Guild meeting. Please call Yvonne 630-450-0037 if it is yours.

Yvonne Richter

More Guild information

Community Projects

We thank everyone who over the years has contributed fabric, supplies and finished quilts and other goods to the PSQG Community Projects initiative. Our mission is to support charitable goals through the goodwill and participation of our Guild membership. If any of our Guild members have a charitable cause that is meaningful to you and could be helped in a quilt-related way, Community Projects would like to know about it! For example, maybe your church sponsors a project and needs help, or you know of a family or local or national organization in need. Supporting a cause that is near and dear to the hearts of our Guild members is important to the goals of Community Projects. Please contact us as soon as possible so that we can plan our upcoming year of Community Projects. Please contact the Community Projects co-chairs:

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Joyce and Nancy

Needed: Sturdy Boxes

The library is looking for some sturdy boxes to use for the books. Size: 12" long by 10" wide by 9½" high. Contact me at janetmiller800@yahoo.com.

Janet Miller

Want to be in print?

As the new newsletter editor, I'm looking for some material I can have on hand to use in the newsletter. Two specific areas I'm already thinking about:

- ❖ **Tips:** What's a neat tip or trick to you may be old hat to some of our members, but is sure to be an "ah ha" moment for others. Please keep them short, and don't copy straight out of any copyrighted source such as a magazine or book.
- ❖ **Recipes:** Did five different people ask you for the recipe for that treat you brought, or something you brought for the picnic? If you like, send the recipe to me and when I have space I'll add it to the newsletter.

Becky Hall

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Guild Members Birthdays in July



Angela Beinecke	July 15
Susan Bresnhan	July 4
Jean Campllell	July 12
Joyce Cooper	July 31
Peggy Degler	July 18
Ann Kowalyszyn	July 23
Mary Markee	July 16
Peggy McNulty	July 26
Ann Miller	July 26
Gail Myers	July 7
Mary Stewart	July 26
Sherena Titus	July 31
Pegi Twait	July 19

Barb Stewart, Membership

***From Quilts: Their Story and How to Make Them*, by Marie D. Webster, published in 1915:**

"To our grandmothers quilt making meant social pleasure as well as necessary toil, and to their grandmothers it gave solace during long vigils in pioneer cabins. The work of the old-time quilters possesses artistic merit to a very high degree. While much of it was designed strictly for utilitarian purposes – in fact, more for rugged service than display, yet the number of beautiful old quilts which these industrious ancestors have bequeathed to us is very large. Every now and then there comes to light one of these old quilts of the most exquisite loveliness, in which the needlework is almost painful in its exactness. Such treasures are worthy of study and imitation, and are deserving of careful preservation for the instpiration of future generations of quilters."



Calendar of Events

Check the body of the newsletter for more details. All events take place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles unless otherwise noted.

July Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. July 3, 7:00 p.m.

Combined Guild: Mon. July 23, 6:00 p.m.
Fox Valley Presbyterian Church in Geneva

August Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. August 7, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Guild: Mon. August 27, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. August 28, 9:30 a.m.

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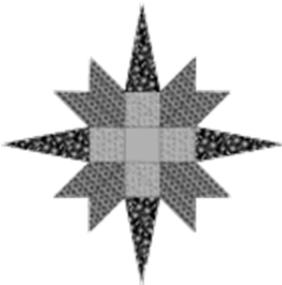
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