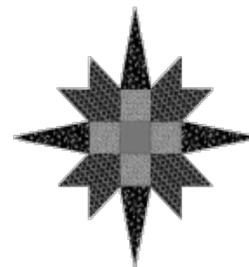


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From the Evening VP

Ah, April! The month that brings us spring showers and flowers, a Fools' Day and Tax Day... and the annual joint PSQG Guild Business Meeting! This year our meeting falls on Tax Day, Monday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. That's a **week earlier than usual** to avoid conflicting with Quilt Week in Paducah, so mark your calendar so you don't miss it! Why, you ask? Well, we need YOU to cast your votes! You also don't want to miss Sharron's reveal of the speakers and programs for the coming year, and yes, you'll be able to sign up for any of those workshops, so bring your checkbook! And besides, there will be FREE PIZZA from a local pizzeria at break, as well as the goodies members bring to share, plus GAMES WITH PRIZES once we conclude our annual business. It's BYOB – bring your own beverage – to go with the pizza if you want something besides coffee or hot tea; as I learned last month, there is no longer a soda vending machine in the church. Our President Bonita will guide us through the biz meeting, including the approval of the proposed by-laws and election of the new slate of officers. Do your homework and review these items prior to the meeting so you will be an informed voter. You can access the Proposed Bylaws from the PSQG web page www.psqg.org under the "Guild Info" tab, and the slate of proposed officers is listed elsewhere in the newsletter. While you're in the vicinity on the web page, give the guild policies a read, too. They contain helpful guidelines for all guild members as well as support for the smooth operation of the board.

Then comes the merry month of May, and we will be partying at our annual Banquet with our long-awaited guest speaker, Bonnie Hunter. I snagged a spot in Bonnie's Sunday workshop, so I should have some of her fairy dust sprinkled on me and have a little glow going at

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the banquet (*wink*). I'm looking forward to both annual joint events for fun and camaraderie with my quilting peeps from both chapters.

And speaking of fun, wasn't Amy Bradley a delight last month?! I soooooo needed a light-hearted program after a very stressful day at work, and she sure delivered! Amy was so down to earth, talking about calving cows in the same breath as starting up her own successful pattern business! I sent Amy a follow-up email with a question, and in her reply, Amy said: "Beth, I had so much fun at your guild. You have a very happening guild and you definitely can run a meeting with a sense of humor. Caron was also amazing running me around and taking care of me. Thank you for honoring me with an invite to speak and give a workshop. I loved it all." We DO have a happening guild, don't we? Thanks to everyone who contributes to make it so!

See y'all at the parties!

Beth Hoffman
Evening VP

Upcoming Programs and workshops

April – see the article below!

May: Bonnie Hunter

For the Bonnie-files of the world, the wait is soon over!! **Bonnie Hunter** of [Quiltville](#) fame will be our May Banquet Speaker and due to high demand will be teaching three (3) different workshops:

[Jamestown Landing](#)—Sunday.

[Pineapple Blossom](#)—Monday.

[Scrappy Mountain Majesties](#)—Tuesday.

I just want to thank everyone that supported Programs and Workshops over the last year. It was a fun job! I highly recommend it. Just

imagine being able to contract the quilters that you most admire, great FUN!

Caron Carlson
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Newsletter Info

Deadline for the next newsletter: May 9, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Becky Hall, Editor
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The 2013-2014 program year is coming up!

Bring your check books ladies! Here comes the big reveal! I will be announcing the 2013-2014 line up of speakers at the Annual Business Meeting on April 15. Classes are filling up so without payment we cannot hold your place.

Sharron Evans
Program VP 2013-2014

Annual Business Meeting

What is so great about April? Warmer, spring air is finally here, flowers start to bloom, snow melts and...the PSQG Annual Business Meeting! What, was that a groan? No way! Remember how much fun we had last year with the great movie and popcorn (once the business portion was out of the way)? Well this year get ready for more fun with FREE PIZZA, a Quilting Game Show and more! That's right, join your hosts Bonita Deering (that's me) and Caron Carlson (okay so we're not Pat and Vanna but we're good for some laughs) for a fun filled evening of Quilt Trivia AND prizes including the chance to sit at Bonnie Hunter's table at the May Banquet and more. Mark your calendar for **Monday, April 15** (yep, that's tax day BUT

we'll make you forget all about it!) at 7:00 p.m. and get ready to WIN!!!!

Please note that the meeting is a week early so we don't conflict with Paducah! And, please bring your own beverage unless you want the usual coffee, hot tea or water.

Also, for those members who normally come to the daytime meeting and need transportation to the evening meeting, contact me (info@prairieshopquilts.com or 630-406-0237) and we'll make arrangements for rides. You DO NOT want to miss out on the fun!

*Bonita Deering
President*

By-Laws

It will soon be time to vote on the By-Laws again. If you are thinking "Didn't we just do that last year?" you would be right but with the arrival of new board members in June of last year (just after the approval of the by-laws in April), it was brought to our attention that one area of the document, namely the changes to the Contracts position, deserved another look and further clarification.

After much review, debate and consideration, I am very pleased to announce that the revised By-Laws are, in my opinion, concise, well-written and provide the guild and its board with the tools needed to run a successful and productive organization.

Very few major changes were made but in your review please note that the position of Contracts has been returned to a two-year term with the first year as the Contracts Chair and the second as the Programs Chair. Other than that, the wording of the by-laws was clarified, and, I believe that our current document is a solid one. Please take the time to review the by-laws and prepare to vote on their approval at the April Business meeting.

Bonita Deering

2013-2014 Nominations

On behalf of this year's Nominating Committee, I am pleased to submit the following slate of nominees for Prairie Star Quilters Guild's Executive Board and Board of Directors for 2013-2014. Elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting on April 15, 2013.

Executive Board Nominations

President	Bonita Deering
Programs Vice President	Sharron Evans
Evening Vice President	Beth Hoffman
Daytime Vice President	Teresa Kasch
Secretary	Susie Wing
Treasurer	Lynn Murphy

Board Nominations

Membership	Susan Cook *
	Joyce Jaksa *
Newsletter	Becky Hall
Education	Yvonne Richter*
	Chris Schwarz*
Public Relations	Sandy Andrews
Nominations	Barb Stewart
Activities	Mary Stewart*
	Susan Strasser*
Bee Keeper	Ginny Wright
Library	Liz Fitzgerald
Community Projects	Nancy Aho
	Pat Noonan
Contracts 2014-2015	Barb Vlack
Quilt Show Chair-2014	Jan Sharpless
Quit Show Co-Chair-2014	Chris Schwarz*
	Leslie Nyckel*

*Indicates Co-Chairs

Respectfully submitted,

*Joyce Jaksa,
Chair, 2013-2014 Nominating Committee*

PSQG Banquet

There is still time to celebrate another year of quilting and friendship in our guild. Please join us on Monday, May 20 at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake St. (Rt. 20) in Bartlett for dinner and an evening with the wonderful and entertaining scrappy quilter Bonnie Hunter. The cost of the banquet will be the same as last year (\$35), and we will be seating tables of eight. At the April guild meeting you will still be able to sign up and give us your choice of entree (see below) and with whom you would like to sit. Please bring your checkbook or cash so that you can pay at the time you sign up.

We also want to continue the tradition we started last year at the banquet of bringing food items for the less fortunate in our community. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the banquet to donate to a local food pantry. If you bring 5 or more items, you will be given an extra ticket for the door prize drawings. Our thanks to Quilt in Joy in Huntley for being the first to donate a door prize! Last year we were able to donate over 350 food items, and we would love to top that this year!

The entree choices for this year are:

- ❖ Coconut chicken - baked boneless breast of chicken coated with coconut, with mango kiwi and red pepper relish topped with colada sauce
- ❖ Lake Superior white fish - baked and topped with lobster sauce
- ❖ Pasta Primavera - a mix of vegetables tossed with pasta and a light garlic and olive oil sauce

If you have dietary restrictions, please notify us when you sign up. The staff at Villa Olivia will work to accommodate them. Please join us for a lovely dinner for our May meeting.

Diane Moore and Chris Schwarz
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Membership

PSQG welcomes guests and new members along with our loyal membership to our monthly meetings. Remember to invite neighbors, friends, family, or co-workers who would enjoy everything the guild has to offer.

As you enter every guild meeting please check your name on the alphabetized sheets making one check for each meeting you are attending in the same month. If you do not find your name on the membership list please be prepared to pay the guest fee for that month or join the membership. Guests are welcome for the usual fee of \$5 unless noted otherwise. It is helpful to be a bit early if you have a guest to facilitate the sign-in process.

Remember your nametags and greet new members and guests.

Barb Burdette
Membership

WE LOVE FREEBIES!

If you have some fabrics and other items to give away and want to bring to a meeting, great! **BUT** please make sure you take home/throw away whatever doesn't get taken. Also, cleaning up after yourself (plates, cups, etc.) is just good stewardship!

Caron Carlson

Want to be an ABCD Quilter?

Curious? You'll have a chance to learn what ABCD quilting is all about on Monday, July 22, 2013, at a full-day PSQG workshop conducted by designer Kim Fauth. In this workshop, you'll spend the first three hours making 32 (that's right, 32!) blocks. In the second half, you'll assemble these blocks into your own quilt (and have it available for a "Show and Tell" session that night at our PSQG picnic).

Details: The workshop and annual picnic will be held this year at the Congregational United Church of Christ (40W451 Fox Mill Boulevard, St. Charles) in the Fellowship Hall. The workshop (\$35) will run from 9 am until 3:30 pm, and the picnic will begin at 6:30. For those workshop participants who don't want to leave and come back, you can simply bring your dish to pass in the morning (a refrigerator is available) and keep on sewing until the picnic begins. Such a deal!!!!

At the April meeting, we'll have sign-up sheets for the workshop and a sample quilt, but if you want a sneak preview of what this techniques is all about, go to www.abcdquilting.com/gallery/ for photos of quilts made in Kim's workshops.

Questions? Contact either Susan (strasser23@gmail.com) or Mary (maryk_stewart@hotmail.com).

Susan Strasser and Mary Stewart

News from the Beehive



We now have enough members signed up for a Hand Quilting Bee, time and day still to be determined, but in the works. Yeah!

Openings can be found in the 4th Thursday Appliqué Bee at Prairie Shop (see me), and the Sunday Dear Jane Bee (see Sharron Evans). We can still add to the hand quilting Bee so if you are considering that, please sign up in April or email me. There is an embellishment/beading Bee in the works as well as a daytime art Bee also. If you are new and just want to get together with other PSQG quilters, we can start a new group for you.

Remember, being a member of a Bee is a great way to meet new friends, exchange ideas, fabrics, or patterns, attend quilt shows, shop hops, our banquet, or retreats or do charity work...a basket for the next quilt show, or make a Quilt of Valor Quilt or blocks...

Keep buzzing, sewing, and quilting, for our next show will be here before you know it!

Ginny Wright, Beekeeper
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Thinking About A Quilt Retreat?

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Education

Please bring me your empty plastic sewing machine needle cases. Think about putting your threads and tiny pieces of fabric from your quilting waste out on bushes for the birds to make nests from. They will also use dryer lint. Happy Earth Day April 22nd.

*Yvonne Richter,
Education*

Upcoming Member Birthdays



Linda Harlson	April 16
Sharon Terpstra	April 19
Jayne Hested	April 26
Deanne Karsmanian	April 26
Elvira Illig	April 27
Esther McMinn	April 29
Lynn Murphy	April 29
Sharron Evans	May 1
Melinda VanDril-Beer	May 1
Debbie Long	May 10
Ruth Marsh	May 10
Judy Gould	May 11
Barbara Kreidler	May 12
Loraine Miranda	May 13
Debbie Myers	May 13

Submitted by Barb Stewart, Membership

From outside the Guild

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Quilt Show

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild is excited to be offering our first Quilt Show this year ***Naperville Quilts! 2013...Be Inspired!***

When: Friday, May 10, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sat., May 11, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: NIU Conference Center
Naperville Campus
1120 E. Diehl Rd.
Naperville, IL

Cost: \$7 admission

A special showing in Elgin May 4 & 5

"Collection of Retrospective Quilts" Circa 1860 to 1990"

Where: The Elgin Art Showcase
164 Division Street,
Elgin, Illinois 60120

When: Sat. May 4 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sun. May 5 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lectures: *Presentations on the quilt collection* by Linda Honsberger, from Racine Wisconsin, noted quilt historian and Certified Quilt Appraiser on Saturday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Presentation on the history of the collection by Charles Burnidge on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Cost: Free to the public

The Elgin Art Showcase is fully accessible and there will be chairs for the lectures and for those who might want to be seated in the presentation hall.

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.

April Meetings

Annual Business Meeting:
Monday April 15, 7:00 p.m.

May Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. May 7, 7:00 p.m.
Annual Banquet: Mon. May 20, 7:00 p.m.

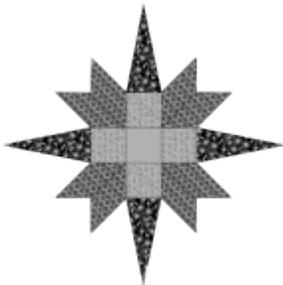
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