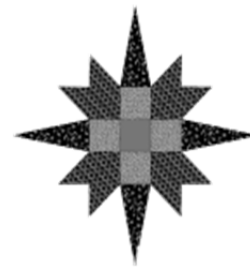


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From the Evening VP

It's almost **SHOW TIME!** We are now just mere **weeks** away from our biennial PSQG Quilt Show! Lynn and the quilt show committees have been hard at work planning and preparing for this Big Event for the past two years, and things are coming together well. Remember, though, it takes all of us to make the show the huge success we want. By now, you've submitted your quilt show entry applications and are putting any finishing touches on your quilts. Hopefully if you're able, you've also signed up as a volunteer to do at least one work shift during the show, or for set-up or take down where many hands are needed. You've been selling raffle quilt tickets and taking the quilt show bookmarks around to advertise the show.

I would also ask each of you to reach out to family and friends with a personal invite to the show. You can do this by simply customizing the email blurb Chris prepared and forwarding it to the local contacts in your e-address book. I was delightfully surprised when I did that last time and two people I hadn't thought would be interested came. One was Chris, who not only came to the show, she joined the guild! This year I've also even sent a few handwritten (gasp!) notes with show bookmarks enclosed to fiber-inclined friends in the Chicago metro area. Or call a friend you haven't seen in a while and invite her to join you to see the show. Or post about it on your Facebook wall or send a short tweet! Do what suits you.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the wonderful quilts and having a good time at the show myself. The visual eye-candy and the creative energy at a quilt show are great!

Between now and then, the September meeting promises the tactile delights of all things woolie from the ladies of

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Ewe-Unique Creations. Have you petted their beautiful, soft, hand-dyed wools at a local show???? Yummy! And on September 29th, the board will be hosting a New Member Tea to welcome our newest members, so if you're a newbie, fear not, we're hoping that will provide you with a decoder ring to the workings and doings of the guild.

Keep on stitchin' – or at least fondle some fabric! It's good for your mental health!

Beth Hoffman, Evening VP

Upcoming Programs and workshops

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.

October: Barbara Lies presents "Diary of a Mad Quilter"

Join us in October to hear "Diary of a Mad Quilter" presented by Barbara Lies. Barbara hails from "Mad Town" Madison Wisconsin and will bring some fabulous award winning quilts.

Our workshop in October will be taught by our own **Sue Pawlowski**. Join Sue as she teaches a fun quilt with easy foundations. Start with the table runner kit, and grow it into a larger quilt if you like!

The workshop will be held after the Tuesday meeting and the cost is \$35 (mail or give to

Caron) and \$15 for the kit (payable to Sue). The kit will include most everything you need, except of course your machine and notions. More info on the website.

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.

and doing a little shopping at the PSQG boutique!

You will hear from other members of the quilt show committee throughout this newsletter so we'll make this short—thanks for your help so far and the commitments you've made to help make the show an outstanding success!

See you October 12th and 13th at the DuPage County Fairgrounds!

*Lynn Murphy
Jan Sharpless*

The Quilt Show Committee

Looking Ahead ...

November	Quilt Show Review
January	Stephanie Nordlin
February	Rachael Wetzler
March	Amy Bradley
April	Business meeting
May (Banquet)	Bonnie Hunter

Quilt Show Display—the next step

Thank you to all those who entered quilts in our 2012 show!

Now that you have turned in your quilt entry form, here is the next step.

1. Please make sure you have put a **label** on the back of each quilt (name, date, place, pattern, quilter, etc.).
2. Write down the names of your quilts you entered in case you didn't make copies of your forms.
3. A **sleeve** is required for quilts larger than 24". (See below for finding the directions or pick up a copy at the August meeting.)
4. Next, go to the PSQG website (psqg.org), move your cursor over **Quilt Show 2012**, continue to move the cursor down to **Quilt Show Info for PSQG Members**, slide the cursor to the right and down and click on **Show Your Quilt**. On the **Show Your Quilt!** page click the link for **Drop Off Instructions**. (The directions for the sleeve are also there.)
 - a. There you will find the ten members of our Guild, the Hostesses, who will be collecting your quilts at their homes on **Sunday, October 7th between 1:00 and 4:00**

Quilt Show 2012

2012 Quilt Show Update!

First of all, thanks to all of you who responded to our call for more examples of your beautiful work to display at the upcoming show! The quilts continue to be the "stars" of the show and it's all because of the wonderful PSQG members.

This newsletter should find you putting the finishing touches on your show entries—bindings, labels, and sleeves for hanging. It's also time to send out emails to your friends to tell them about attending the show and reminding them to buy raffle tickets for our award-winning quilt, building up their stash with purchases from our scraps table, adding to their libraries with magazines and books, entering to win one of the great raffle baskets,

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p.m. Using the city names, you should find the home closest to where you live. **If your quilt is to be judged**, the drop off location is "Prairie Shop Quilts" on Randall Rd. and Wilson St. in Batavia (also from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Oct. 7th). Use Map Quest if needed or call the person hosting the quilt collection for directions.

- b. While at the house or shop, you will sew a small numbered label to both the back of your quilt and to the pillowcase or bag used for carrying your quilt. All materials, needle and thread will be provided. Please make sure your name is on the pillowcase/bag. This takes approximately 10 minutes per quilt.

Ginny will have hostess lists for quilt drop off and sleeve directions, at the September meeting for those without email/computer.

Reminder, there are **two** options for a quilt longer than eight feet:

1. Attach a sleeve down from the top so only 8' or less hang or
2. Pin up the bottom of your quilt so it hangs off the floor (8' or 96" or less)

If there are any questions, feel free to call or email Ginny Wright or Susan Jensen

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Volunteering

To all members of PSQG,

Again, I would like to thank all of our wonderful Guild members who volunteered to help at our upcoming Prairie Treasurers' Show next month.

There are still a few times slots open where volunteers are needed, so please see me at the September Chapter Guild meetings if you are able to help.

I will be sending an email to each of you prior to the Show with specific details regarding your assignments, but a couple of things I would like to note now. On the day you are to volunteer, please plan on arriving at the fairgrounds approximately 20 minutes prior to your start time. I will meet you at the Volunteer Sign-In table which will be directly across from the Admissions table. You will receive your Show Volunteer badge and then proceed to your volunteer area. At the end of your assignment, please return your badge to me right away.

For those who will be volunteering prior to Friday, please see me upon your arrival to check in and receive your Volunteer Complimentary Show Admission ticket. It should also be noted that complimentary entrance to the Show will be honored only on the day you volunteer, or either of the two days with your Complimentary Admission ticket.

On or about September 15th, the volunteer listing (first name and last initial only) will be posted on our Guild Website. Please go to Quilt Show 2012, then Quilt Show Info for PSQG Members, and then finally Volunteer Information.

One last item, Susan Jensen and Ginny Wright are looking for a member or two who might have either a truck or larger SUV who could assist with picking up items from our storage unit early Wednesday morning and delivering item to the fairgrounds and returning the items back to the storage unit after the show (it does not have to be the same volunteer for both days – any and all help would be appreciated). If you could help with this request, please see me or call me at (630) 427-1014 and I can discuss further with you.

Thank you all again. Your support is certainly appreciated and please feel free to get in touch with me with any questions or comments you may have.

Joyce Jaksa
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Instant Gratification Boutique

Huge thanks to everyone who has contributed one or more items to the boutique. We have a wide range of items, which are beautifully crafted by our members. What a talented group of ladies!

Now that you have stocked the boutique, please save your money and come shop with us at the Quilt Show. There is something for everyone!

Susan Cook and Barb Stewart

More Guild information

Membership

We are embarking on yet another magnificent year of speakers and a multitude of options to become more knowledgeable in techniques—new and refreshed—plus renewing friendships with a fantastic quilt show thrown in!

As you enter every guild meeting please check your name on the alphabetized sheets making one check for one meeting and two checks for two meetings attended in the same month. Guests are welcome for the usual fee of \$5 unless noted otherwise. It is very helpful to be a bit early if you are bringing a guest to a meeting to facilitate the sign-in process. If for any reason your name is not on the membership list please be prepared to pay a guest fee or join the membership.

Barb Burdette
Membership

New Member Tea

The guild will be welcoming 17 new members at a New Member Tea on Saturday, Sept. 29th. The new members will have the opportunity to speak to board members and committee chairs, sign up for classes and bees plus enjoy refreshments and conversation in a small setting. Congratulations to the following ladies as they join the excitement of Prairie Star Quilt Guild: Sue Hedke, Ute Murrin, JoAnn Weitzenfeld, Carol York, Linda Stoyhoff, Julie Karlak, Linda Brodine, Nancy Chappelle, Karen Dowd, Lolly Golden, Karen Kennedy, Sarah Martin, Regina McNulty, Elizabeth Taylor, Pegi Twait, Lois Wilhelm, and Peggy Wolfe.

Membership Committee

Got scraps?

Want to know what to do with them? Want something to do on **black Friday** other than fighting crowds at your local Mall? If so, we have just the event for you!

Anyone who buys \$10 worth of scraps or yardage at the October 12-13 PSQG Quilt Show is invited to attend the FIRST EVER PSQG Scraps Gathering at the Batavia Public Library on Friday, November 23, 2012, from noon until 5:00 p.m.

And, what is this PSQG Scraps Gathering? This is a chance for you to learn how to sort, cut up, and organize your scraps so you'll have them all ready to use when you want to make a scrap quilt. We'll have ironing stations for you to use to press your scraps, handouts describing Bonnie Hunter's Scrap Users System (used with permission), displays of systems to use to store your scraps, and handouts with cutting instructions for Bonnie Hunter's May 2013 PSQG Workshops. All you'll need to do is bring your scraps, a cutting mat, your rotary cutter, plastic bags, and rulers. This gathering will be informal. You can come when you please and stay as long as you like, but you do

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need to sign up at the Quilt Show or by e-mailing Susan Strasser. So, plan to buy scraps at the quilt show then join us for a chance to relax, cut, and organize with quilting friends.

P.S. The PSQG Scraps Committee is no longer accepting scraps to sell at the quilt show. But, if you still have scraps to get rid of, bring them to the gathering and deposit them in one of our bins for adoption by another. Your scraps may be someone else's treasure!

Susan Strasser
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From the Beekeeper

I am continuing to update the list of Bees for the website. If you know of a new Bee for which I have no name, a Bee which is now not meeting, or a Bee which just began recently, please let me know.

The signup sheets are out for two new Bees: a Service Bee, and a Scraps Bee. The latter has lots of interest so it will begin first.

Our first organizational meeting will be on the second Tuesday of November (13th) at Prairie Shop Quilts at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Then the first working Scraps Bee will be December 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you signed the list you should receive an invitation via email in early November.

If your Bee is looking for new members, please let me know that as well.

New members—we can begin a new group for you. I will see you at the New Member Tea.

We need to keep Buzzing!

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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:
October 4, 2012, 6:00 p.m.**

Becky Hall, Editor
beckyh@rchconsulting.com

Guild Member Birthdays in September



Nancy Aho	September 4
Judy Burki	September 1
Jan Cox	September 9
Jody Cregier	September 20
Clare Erickson	September 7
Bonita Gillette	September 12
Gail Hamm	September 6
Nancy Kinzie	September 2
Marsha Lucia	September 3
Janet Miller	September 12
Diane Moore	September 22
Ingrid Nelson	September 30
Yvonne Richter	September 9
Dixie Riley	September 12
Judy Sus	September 18
Dorothy Walls	September 8

Submitted by Barb Stewart, Membership

From the Education Table

Another organizing tip: Nora Bihun has a great way to fit her sewing in a small area. Attached to the wall she has vertical tracks with slots to accommodate brackets. An extra wide board attached to brackets is then used as her cutting area and is height adjustable. A tall stool fits underneath in case she wants to sit while cutting. The shelf above can hold rulers, etc., and has a fluorescent light hanging below providing plenty of light on her cutting mat. Great idea, Nora.

Yvonne Richter
Education coordinator

Member News

This is a new section dedicated to news from you, the members!

Have you shown your quilts somewhere else, and perhaps won a ribbon? Or the County Fair? Let us know! Are you having a "sewing room garage sale?" Let us know. Space permitting, your name could appear here!

Elvira Illig won a third place ribbon for the quilting of **Leanne Hurley's** appliqué quilt at Machine Quilting Today, in Oconomowoc. It was an honor to be recognized by a long arm judging panel. Also, the quilt was accepted and will be displayed in Houston in the Full Bloom Exhibit, and will travel for a year to different shows. Leanne's appliqué is exquisite.

From outside the Guild

Heritage Quilters Guild

The Heritage Quilters Guild presents their **Harvest of Quilts** show September 22nd and 23rd. The show will be held at Liberty Jr. High School in New Lenox, IL. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 22nd and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 23rd. Admission is \$6. For more information see their website at www.heritagequiltersguild.com.

Special opportunity: There may still be openings to have a quilt appraised at this show! Contact the Heritage Quilters Guild to see if you can get your quilt appraised!

DeKalb County Quilter's Guild

Harvest of Quilts show September 29th and 30th. The show will be held at Sycamore Middle School in Sycamore, IL. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 29th and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. on September 30th. Admission is \$5 for one day or \$6 for both days. For more information see their website at www.dccqg.org.

Riverwalk Quilter's Guild Small Quilt Auction

Their annual Small Quilt Auction features items made by guild members. This is just in time to stock up on gifts for the holidays! There are quilted table runners, wallhangings, purses, baby quilts and much more.

The public is welcome and there is no fee to attend the auction. Refreshments will be served and Opportunity Raffle Baskets will be available. All proceeds benefit educational programs for the guild and the community.

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Place: Grace Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, Illinois
(Lower level - enter from the west side of the building)

Time: Viewing of quilts opens at 6:30
Auction begins promptly at 7:00

Average selling price of quilts is between \$25 and \$100+.

Cash or personal checks are accepted for payments.

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.

September Meetings

Evening Guild: Mon. Sept. 24, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m.

October Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. October 2, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Guild: Mon. October 22, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. October 23, 9:30 a.m.

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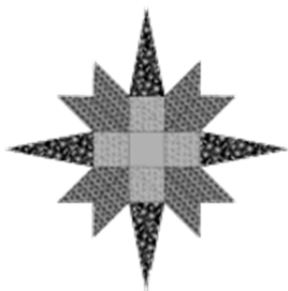
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