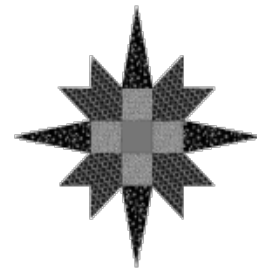


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From the Day Time VP

Looking forward in March, we have the hope of Spring and the first glimpse of buds, and in our guild season, we have the completion of one year with the anticipation of a new guild year! The next three months hold a heap of celebration and fun for all of us! Amy Bradley, Quilt Diva and Fabric Addict, will wrap up our year with all her cheer and whimsy! April showers shall not keep us away from the much anticipated guild Business Meeting - that is more entertainment than bullet points! And, in May, we celebrate our guild year with Bonnie Hunter as our banquet speaker! June brings us Anita Grossman Solomon from New York and July our sensational picnic!

Don't miss a beat!!

In preparation for our Business Meeting (very few bullet points...promise!) please read over the proposed By-Laws (see further down in this newsletter and/or under Guild Info at www.psqg.org) so you will be an informed voter at the meeting! Also included in this newsletter is the proposed slate of board nominations, please review and be prepared to give your "yea" or "nay". Bonita has something up her sleeve and promises a delightful evening PLUS PIZZA FOR ALL! Mark your calendar for Monday, April 15th, 7pm...count me in, how about you?!!!

Be sure to bring your checkbook to our March meeting so you don't miss out on your Banquet ticket - the hottest ticket in town! Villa Olivia (Bartlett) is our location and Bonnie Hunter will be in the house with all her boundless energy and amazing quilts! I promise you that the house will be rockin'!

There's so much going on in the guild right now – new bees, meeting minutes on-line, Library Thing, Quilts of

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PSQG March 2013

Valor, new programs, Fall Retreat, etc. – so be sure to check out all the articles below and plug all the fun into your calendar!

Until next time,

Bee good and share the love of quilting!!

*Teresa Kasch
Daytime VP*

Upcoming Programs and workshops

March: Amy Bradley

Join us in March for the awesome pattern and fabric designer [Amy Bradley](#). Just to look at her fun and whimsical designs tells you that she will really entertain! A full day workshop Monday (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bethlehem, \$55) will allow you to work on any of her dozens of patterns. She will offer general applique tips and tricks, and then give each student some individual instruction, based on the pattern you have chosen.

Note: A great selection of Amy's patterns are now available at [Prairie Shop Quilts](#), hurry in for the best selection!

April – see the article below!

May: Bonnie Hunter

And, 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. Complete info regarding the supply lists, cutting instructions, and other specifics are on our website under the programs tab, and sign-ups began at the January meetings. While one has filled, there are still openings in the other two.

All workshops are \$55 and run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday's workshop is at Charlestown Mall (details to follow) and the others are at the church as usual. Lunch will be

an option: sign up when you check in. Here are the short descriptions:

[Jamestown Landing](#)—Sunday (book required). Stars and chains in blues and neutrals are sure to capture any star-lover's fancy! What a great way to clear out scraps by choosing two color families: A foreground (Blue) and a background (Neutral). Students will learn the basics of string piecing along with learning to use the Easy Angle ruler to create half square triangle units from 2 1/2" scrap strips.

[Pineapple Blossom](#)—Monday (free downloadable pattern). Students will bring pre-cut 2" strips ready to power sew into courthouse step type blocks, and altering them into pineapple blossom blocks by adding on quick corners. This method produces bonus corners and discussion includes various layouts for the blocks (with or without sashing) as well as alternate ideas for using the bonus corners! Students can also have fun swapping strips with each other for more variety in their quilts. Focus on USING YOUR STASH encouraged! **This class is currently full but we are taking names for a waiting list.**

[Scrappy Mountain Majesties](#)—Tuesday (free downloadable pattern). A great quilt for using larger pieces of leftover fabrics! Students will bring pre-cut 8.5" squares in pairs of light and dark. Many layouts provide lots of options for this fun quilt! You will be amazed at how easy Bonnie makes this complicated looking quilt, and you will get a big chunk done in class.

If you do not have web access or have other questions that are not addressed in this article or on our website, please call or email me.

*Caron Carlson
Program VP
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bigtimequilter@yahoo.com*

Did you miss Sandy's workshop?

Due to inclement weather, some of our members were not comfortable staying for Sandy Schweitzer's workshop. If you paid for it, see Caron Carlson or give her a call ((630) 879-0000) and she will give you a voucher for the class fee to use on a future workshop!

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.
- ❖ 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.

Newsletter Info

Deadline for the next newsletter: April 4, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

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

June: Anita Grossman Solomon

Anita Grossman Solomon

of www.makeitsimpler.com/ is our featured speaker for June. Anita will be offering a full day workshop on Monday, June 24th, called Scrappy Pineapple (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bethlehem, \$55). You will learn how to use Anita's techniques to cut trapezoids and triangles to size without wasting fabric. A link to a list of materials will be available on our web site soon. On Tuesday, June 25th, Anita will offer a half-day workshop (1:00 to 4:00, \$35) on her Make It Simpler Techniques, where you will learn many tricks to simplify and speed up your quilting.

Looking Ahead ...

July	Picnic time!
August	Catherine Redford
September	Jean Biddick

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 a Quilting Game Show. 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. **And, we are ordering pizza!** So you definitely want to come.

PSQG March 2013

Mark your calendar for Monday, April 15 (yep, that's tax day BUT we'll make you forget all about it!) at 7 pm and get ready to WIN!!!!

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!

By-Laws

This may be starting to sound like a broken record but 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 that will be posted to the guild website this week 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. If you receive your newsletter by mail then a copy of the by-laws will be included with your newsletter.

Bonita Deering

2012-2013 Board

Executive Board

President	Bonita Deering
Program VP	Caron Carlson
Evening VP	Beth Hoffman
Daytime VP	Teresa Kasch
Secretary	Joyce Jakska
Treasurer	Jan Sharpless

Committee Chairpersons

* indicates co-chairs

Membership	Barb Burdette* Barb Stewart* Elvira Illig *
Newsletter	Becky Hall
Education Coordinator	Yvonne Richter
Public Relations	Christine Buss
Nominations	Joyce Jakska
Activities	Chris Schwarz* Diane Moore*
Bee Keeper	Ginny Wright
Library	Janet Miller
Community Projects	Nancy Aho* Joyce Keane*
Contracts 2013-2014	Sharron Evans
Contracts 2014-2015	Barb Vlack
Quilt Show Chair 2012	Lynn Murphy
Quilt Show Co-Chair	Jan Sharpless
*co-chairs	

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

It is time to celebrate another year of quilting and friendship in our guild. Please join us on Monday, May 20th, at Villa Olivia on 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. Starting at the March guild meetings you will 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. Last year we were able to donate over 350 food items, and we would love to top that number 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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Quilt Show 2014

No, it isn't too early to start thinking about the next quilt show, but . . . it **is** too early to be bringing books, magazines, and scraps to the guild meetings. We just aren't set up yet to take these items and store them. If you can, please hold on to your donations until we put out the call for them. Thanks!

However, we are still accepting donations of batik/hand-dyed style fabrics for possible use in the raffle quilt. If you weren't able to pick up a color guide from Caron Carlson at the meeting, the colors we are looking for are on these paint chips: Benjamin Moore colors # 439, 440 (greens) and #1392, 1393 (plums). Caron will be at the workshop table for the March meetings and will let you know if your fabrics will work. We would appreciate any help you can give us to get this beautiful Prairie Star started!

Chris Schwarz

Check out the Prairie Star Quilt Guild Library online!

The complete list of the guild's library books is now available online from the brand-new **Library tab** on the website. We are using a web-based service called Library Thing to give you access to the database we have created.

Click the **Book List** link at the bottom of the Library page to search the complete list of books and DVDs in our collection using titles, authors, and subjects. We've also added a **Search Tips** link to help you become familiar with how the database works.

Tip: Once you have found something of interest, make note of the color code attached to the record (for example Blue or Orange). The colors match the dots on the spines of the book and will help you locate the book when you come to a guild meeting.

If you have any suggestions for future additions to the Library please let us know.

Janet Miller, Liz Fitzgerald, Beth Reuter and Lori Smalarz

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

Thinking About A Quilt Retreat?

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See: <http://www.arcoliflowerpatch.com/Package-19-Quilt-Retreats>



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

Member News

This is a 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!

News from the Beehive



The Scraps III Bee met on Friday March 1st and had a very successful first meeting. Two new members are in the group and all had wonderful show and tell items, lots to contribute and are enthusiastic about this Bee. Our other two Scraps Bees are still in full swing.

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 almost have enough for a hand quilting Bee so if you are considering that, please sign up in March or email me. There is an embellishment/beading Bee in the works also, so please consider that one as well. If you are new and just want to get together with other PSQG quilters, we can start a new group for you. I think the Bee Healthy Bee is still on hiatus but perhaps in the spring we can begin something again.

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....

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Upcoming Member Birthdays

Pat Pecho	March 16
Sue Balsiger	March 17
Sharon Gaffor	March 17
Judy Herman	March 17
Jean Noethlich	March 20
Nancy Shiner	March 20
Becky Hall	March 21
Sue Needham	March 21
Susan Jensen	March 24
Susan McArthur	March 25
Leslie Nyckel	March 25
Enid Voytilla	March 31
Kay Brynelsen	April 2
Gwyneth Johnsen	April 2
Kay Nolan	April 2
Christine Buss	April 3
Jennie Roy	April 3
Julie Karlak	April 4
Pam Daleiden	April 6
Sandra Rodenback	April 7
Emilie Pollman	April 8
Donna Fowler	April 11
Margery Karlovsky	April 11
Sandie Bails	April 13
Sue Pawlowski	April 13

Submitted by Barb Stewart, Membership

Education

Look for an article on Quarter and Half Square Triangles next month.

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.

March Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. Mar. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Evening Guild: Mon. Mar. 25, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. Mar. 26, 9:30 a.m.

April Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. Apr. 2, 6:30 p.m.

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

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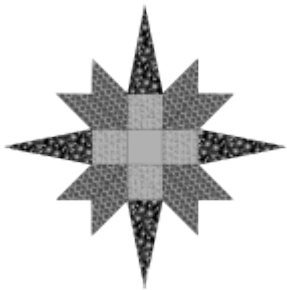
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