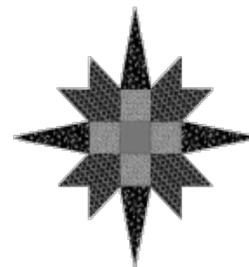


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From the Daytime Vice-President

The Quilt Show is over, the General Election is over, the bottle of sunscreen is empty, the leaves are falling, you're shopping for a bird and Christmas is less than 40 days away...it must be Fall!! Welcome to a most beautiful time of the year for making patchwork **and** for our guild because we're **havin' a PARTY!!!!** Don't miss your November guild meeting as we celebrate a FANTASTIC quilt show with a parade of winning quilts (a KNOCK-OUT show and tell!) and hear a review all the wonderful details! After the business meeting, Lynn Murphy and Jan Sharpless will take over as your hosts for the "after party" PARTY!! This also gives us the opportunity to give a big **thank you** to Lynn and Jan for all their time and dedication to a terrific outcome! **Don't miss it!!**

But before you run out and get the perfect party outfit, let me give you a *heads up* on a couple of items...

The Activities co-chairs (Chris Schwarz and Diane Moore) will begin taking your registration for the March Guild Retreat! YEA!! BUT you must bring your checkbook and pay at the time of registration. This is your opportunity to get in there early as this is a popular event...and why wouldn't it be...sleeping, sewing and eating for three days with your quilting sisters! Sign me up!!!

"Scraps" is the password for November! You will hear from Lynn and Jan how terrifically our Scraps Table did at the quilt show, the scrap queen - Bonnie Hunter - is coming to visit us in May, we have two new Scrap Bees starting up this month and we have a **scraps event** on the 23rd of this month! We may not all love the same type of fabric or have the same amount of fabric...but we all have scraps! Be sure to read about all the details from your scraps event hostess, Susan Strasser (she loves scraps...catch the fever!!) (cont'd)

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After our November meeting we will begin to wind down on our stitching (or not!) and start to focus on family and friends as enter the Holiday season. We will not meet in December nor will you receive a newsletter...we're all takin' a break, but you will not be far from the thoughts of your guild family...with more quilting events, teachers, workshops and opportunities to look forward to in 2013, we'll all be so grateful for our guild family at Thanksgiving and count it as one of our blessings at Christmas!

Until 2013! Much love and blessings to you & your family,

Teresa Kasch, Daytime Vice-President

Nominations for 2013-2014

We have begun the Guild's Board Nominations process and have Board members whose term will expire on May 31, 2013. Therefore, I would like to ask all members to consider becoming a Board member. You may not know what is involved with a Board position and I would like to invite you to meet, call or email me to find out the details and what positions will become open. Maybe you can't become a Board member for 2013-2014, but possibly would like to join the Board for 2014-2015. Call me and let's discuss. Please remember, PSQG Board members work behind the scenes to make sure we continue to have the great Guild that we all enjoy and this is the time that you could become a part of that team!

Again, maybe the Board is not for you, but becoming a Chapter Board member or helping at a meeting is more of what you are looking for, again call.

Other Nominating Committee Members are Ingrid Nelson and Barb Stewart and you should feel free to contact any of us.

Joyce Jaksa, Nominating Chair
630-427-1014

Ingrid Nelson
630-513-6365

Barb Stewart
630-406-0445



Upcoming Programs and workshops

November: Quilt Show Review

November's meetings will feature a quilt show recap, a chance for us to reflect on our successes! The "Scraps Committee" will offer a workshop – look for the article regarding how you can get in on the fun!

December is a month off, see you in January!!

January 2013: Stephanie Nordlin

[Stephanie Nordlin](#) will join us from Poplar Grove, IL. She is an art quilter and successful competitor and specializes in fabulous quilted garments. She promises a great trunk show and will talk about chronicling her travels in her quilted garments.

On Monday, January 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stephanie will teach [Wearable Postcards](#). The workshop fee is \$55. Learn to take fond memories and mementos and turn them into art, either wearable or "hang-able." And Tuesday, January 29th, from 1:00 p.m. to

4:00 p.m. (after the morning meeting) we will learn a fun technique called [Slash 'n Switch](#) to make adorable and easy art quilts with a great fused binding! This workshop costs \$35. Click for your [Wearable Postcard Supply List](#) or your [Slash N Switch Supply List](#).

Special note: We will begin taking **member-only registrations** for Bonnie Hunter's workshops (see the Scraps article later in this newsletter) **at the January meeting. You must pay when you register.** We will open registration for **non-members after our morning February** meeting.

February: Rachel Wetzler

February 25th and 26th brings us [Rachel Wetzler](#) Rachael is a local gal made good. A previous PSQG member, her work has won acclaim and she has ribboned at major quilt shows all around the world. Her lecture will be titled "That's My Story" and we are very lucky to have her!

For our February workshop, our own **Sandy Schweitzer** presents, **Ready, Set, Finish!** Learn how to make and apply a bias binding with ninety degree mitered corners and how to hand stitch your binding so it is properly filled. She will cover making a sleeve, blocking and labeling. Her workshop will include a trunk show of multiple edge finishes, and will be Tuesday after the morning meeting. The cost is \$35.

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Looking Ahead ...

March	Amy Bradley
April	Business meeting and a fun activity!
May (Banquet)	Bonnie Hunter

Quilt Show

The Parade of Ribbons!!

Don't miss your chance to see the ribbon-winning quilts from our Very Successful 2012 Quilt Show up close and personal at the November Guild meetings!! We will be inviting all of our ribbon winners to show their quilts and tell us the stories behind the making of the quilts - it will be a wonderful show-and-tell.

In addition to hearing from the ribbon winners, we will be presenting The Living Well Cancer Resource Center with our donation. Jan will provide the details on the financial aspects of the show (all very good!) and we'll be able to look at a slide show of all of the beautiful quilts. The amazing Scraps committee will have just hosted the "scraps gathering" the Friday before the meeting so we'll be asking them to tell us about their event.

The November meeting will also be your last opportunity to purchase any remaining items from the boutique - the holidays are upon us, so this will be a good chance to add to your holiday shopping.

And of course we will be thanking you all for the time and effort each of you put in to making the show a success! You all can't be thanked enough or often enough!!

See you at Guild!

Lynn Murphy
Jan Sharpless

The Quilt Show Committee

QUILT SHOW---- 2014!!!

Yes, you read that correctly! I am talking about the 2014 Quilt Show! We had such a fun time planning and attending the 2012 show, I hope you are already looking forward to the 2014 show. And it's time to get all of the positions filled and the Raffle Quilt underway.

Most of the committee chairs have already been filled, but we have a few more openings that need volunteers (individuals or friends or bees!) to step up and fill:

- ❖ **Books and Magazines** We will be getting a storage unit to store all the donations, so your group would not have to keep these items in your home.
- ❖ **Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales** You will contact other guilds and arrange for a date to show our quilt at their meeting. Lots of guild members will help with this as we all love to visit other guilds.
- ❖ **RAFFLE QUILT!!** Talk to me if you would like to design a quilt or select a pattern to use, and coordinate the construction of the quilt with other guild members.

Please consider saying "yes" to helping create our 2014 show, and join the planning committee for some fun times over the next 2 years!!!

Thanks for your help!

Jan Sharpless, Chair of the 2014 Show
Chris Schwarz, Co-Chair of the 2014 Show

Thank you from Show Volunteer Chair

I would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to all PSQG members who volunteered and made our Show the best in the area. You all gave so generously of your time, smiles and contributions to the Show and it certainly was noticed by the visitors. I received so many thanks from visitors, comments about the quality of our quilts and how friendly and helpful our members were. Thank you again and congratulations to all PSQG members for a wonderful Show.

Joyce Jaksa
Volunteer Chair 2012

Scraps, Bonnie Hunter, and MORE!

First, on behalf of the Scraps Committee for the wildly successful 2012 Quilt Show, thanks to all of you who donated your treasured scraps, and just as many thanks to those who bought many of them back! As a result, the scraps and recycled yardage sale brought in more than \$4000 for the benefit of the guild! We'll do this again in 2014, so save those precious bits of fabric until we begin collections again in the fall of 2013.

So, now what are you going to do with these scraps? Again, let me suggest that you come to the first-ever PSQG Scraps Gathering to be held on **Friday, November 23, 2012, from noon until 5:00 p.m. at the Batavia Public Library**. We'll provide a handout describing the PSQG Scrap Users System and help you get started TAVING THOSE SCRAPS. Because of the overwhelming success of the scraps sale, attendance at the Gathering is free, but you do need to register by contacting Susan Strasser (info below) to ensure that we have enough space for everyone. Please bring your scraps, a cutting mat, your rotary cutter (fresh blade is a good idea), and a variety of rulers. We'll provide irons, ironing surfaces, and ideas!

And if you're really a scraps enthusiast, consider joining a Scraps Bee. One has already formed and is full. Another is almost full. Contact Ginny Wright, Beekeeper, for more information (ginny.wright@comcast.net).

Finally, **BONNIE HUNTER!** As you know, Bonnie will be with PSQG in May 2013 for three days (May 19-21). During that time, she'll do three full-day workshops and be our banquet speaker. The workshops are:

- ❖ **Jamestown Landing**, Sunday, May 21, 2013 (requires Bonnie's book, "Strips and Strings")
- ❖ **Pineapple Blossom**, Monday, May 22, 2013 (info on quiltville.com Web site)

❖ **Scrappy Mountain Majesties,**
 Tuesday, May 23, 2013 (info on
 quiltville.com Web site)

More information will be available on the PSQG Website in January. **Sign-ups for members only** will begin at the evening guild meeting and continue (for members only) until right after the February morning guild meeting. Then we'll allow non-members to register (we already have a waiting list). Each workshop will be \$55 and will run from 9 to 4.

And now the **MORE!** Bonnie Hunter hosts a mystery quilt on her blog every holiday season. This year's mystery is called Easy Street. Fabric requirements were just posted, and the first clue will be released on November 23 (we'll have copies at the Gathering). Subsequent clues will be released each Friday thereafter (probably at least five or six more clues). Interested? If so, visit Bonnie's blog (<http://quiltville.blogspot.com/>).

Susan Strasser
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Spring Retreat

It's time to plan for the PSQG spring retreat! It will take place on the weekend of March 8-10, 2013 at the Carmelite Center in Darien. The fun begins around 3 PM on Friday and continues until about 11 AM on Sunday. Your room and meals from Friday dinner through Sunday brunch are included in the cost.

Everyone works on their own projects, but we will have a few activities planned for the group. Sign-up for the retreat begins this month, and we only have room for 30 participants.

Your spot is held when we receive your payment - \$165 for a double room or \$195 for a single room - so please bring your checkbook

to the guild meeting. What a great time to finish a few UFOs or start a new project!

Diane Moore and Chris Schwarz

Membership

PSQG welcomes guests and new members along with our loyal membership to our monthly meetings. Don't forget to include those neighbors, friends or co-workers who might enjoy our great programs, tasty treats, show and tell, plus the company of our current members.

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

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:
 January 9, 2012, 6:00 p.m.**

Becky Hall, Editor
beckyh@rchconsulting.com

News from the Beekeeper

Two new Scrap Bees began the week of November 13th with great enthusiasm! We are still taking names for a Service Bee, and there is room in Nancy Aho's Bee which meets the third Thursday of the month at Prairie Shop.

Look for a new sign up list for the Bee Healthy Bee to begin perhaps by December. Please sign up even though you may have emailed me that you are interested. I think we need a new list. Charlestowne Mall is still the best place in the winter but by spring we can go back to Mt. St. Mary's Park in St. Charles.

Some people are still asking about another evening Art Bee, so I will be starting a new list for that. Those of you who attend at night might want to check that out!

Have a wonderful Holiday and Bee Happy, Healthy, and bee quilting too!

Ginny Wright, Beekeeper
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630-513-1418

Guild Member Birthdays

November Birthdays:

Carol Andermann	November 27
Juanita Brook	November 25
Cheryl Burdine	November 30
Lois Bushman Spognardi	November 5
Heidi Clayton	November 30
Shirley Dickenscheidt	November 5
Kathy Elvin	November 9
Ann Garrison	November 19
Carol Gent	November 4
Diane Hienton	November 30
Joyce Jaksa	November 9
Adele Jeschke	November 25
Teresa Kasch	November 22
Joyce Keane	November 9
Judy Kaulfuss	November 29
Lois Larson	November 12

Linda Marra	November 15
Joanne Sattler	November 12
Elizabeth Taylor	November 21
Eva Thorn	November 28
Barbara Vlack	November 7

December Birthdays

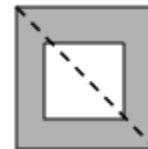
Carole Bates	December 5
Nancy Cleckner	December 30
Merna Cunningham	December 8
Susan Egner	December 6
Donna Eisman	December 26
Beverly Rose Enright	December 5
Ella Mae Goshen	December 13
Jean Hed	December 22
Beth Hoffman	December 23
Alissa Kantola	December 14
Connie Kuykendall	December 21
Linda LoBianco	December 19
Rita Pennington	December 6
Judy Scheppach	December 28
Dawn Schultz	December 22
Diana Sharp	December 19
Eva Wood	December 3
Barbara Urich	December 21

Submitted by Barb Stewart, Membership

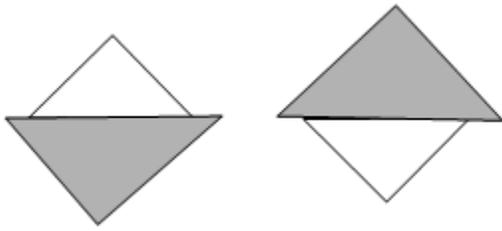
From the Education Table

4- Flying Geese

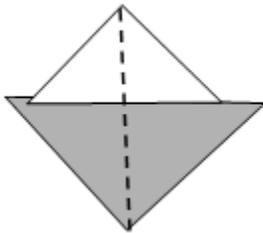
For center of the goose, cut 1 square the width of the unfinished goose + 1". For wings cut 1 square 1.5" larger than square cut for the center.



Center the smaller square on larger square right sides facing. Draw diagonal line across center square (dashed line above). Stitch 1/4" each side of the diagonal line. Cut on diagonal line and press seam towards wings.

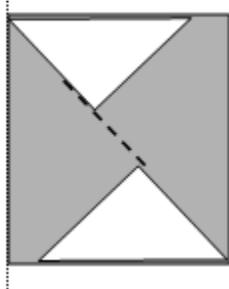


Place the right sides of the 2 rectangles together so that one goose center is pointed up and the other is pointed down. Align outside edges. Seams will NOT line up. Pin pieces together, mark the diagonal as shown below (dashed line).

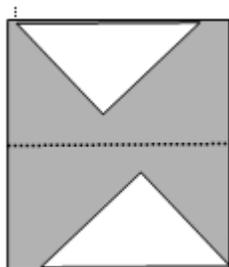


Stitch 1/4" either side of diagonal and cut apart on the diagonal.

Turn to back side of each piece. Clip the seam line shown as the dashed line in the picture below, between the two goose centers.



Press seam toward wings. Place flat to be geese ruler in point of goose and cut approximately on the dashed line shown. Goose will need to be trimmed.



Yvonne Richter
Education coordinator

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!

Featherweight for sale!

Do you wish you had a Featherweight of your own? I have just one more to sell: 1936 beautiful little Featherweight with perfect scrollwork in gold, a special 1/4" foot, bobbin case and bobbin. It's ready to go to your next workshop with you. If interested, call Gail Myers at 630-208-6065. \$300.00

From outside the Guild

Super Storm Sandy has devastated much of coastal New York and New Jersey, affecting millions of people in these and neighboring states.

A quilter from the website <http://bumblebeansbasics.com/> has teamed up with the Acacia Network to collect quilts and blankets for those affected.

Ship quilts and blankets to:

Acacia Network
Attn: Pete Gonzalez
311 East 175th Street
Bronx, NY 10457

Please include inside the box, clearly written, **your name, email & address.**

Please mail them with delivery confirmation.

Any questions, **please email** Lane Falcon at lfalcon@acacianetwork.org.

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.

November Meetings

Evening Guild: Mon. Nov. 26, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. Nov. 27, 9:30 a.m.

January Meetings

Board Meeting: **Wed.** Jan. 2, 6:30 p.m.
(at Batavia Public Library)

Evening Guild: Mon. Jan. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m.

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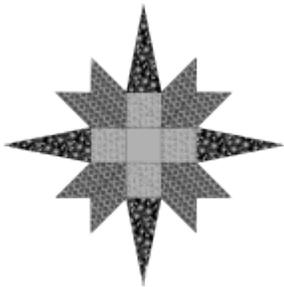
1/4 page \$20/issue

1/2 page \$40/issue

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