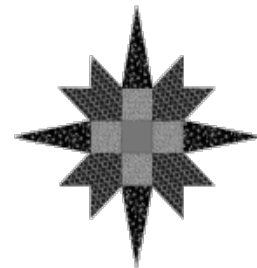


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From the Morning Vice President

WELCOME to the Guild New Year!!! As Edward Payson Powell (journalist) once said, *"The Old Year has gone. The New Year has taken possession of the clock of time. All hail the duties and possibilities of the coming twelve months!"* ...and so we shall!!

We will kick off a new year of exciting programs from our Programs VP Sharron Evans, starting this month with Anita Grossman Solomon from New York! Her work is exciting, with innovative applications and beautiful colors: sneak a peek at <http://www.makeitsimpler.com/>. Anita's lecture for both chapter meetings is *Pages from the Make It Simpler Notebook* with two workshops, the Self-Mitered Log Cabin and Xcentric. For more information, please see our website www.psqg.org and click on 2013-2014 Program Schedule. Let's kick off this new year by welcoming Anita and expanding our piecing skills with help from the Big Apple!

A GREAT BIG WELCOME to all our new members!!! Our new membership co-chair, Joyce Jakska, provided a lovely list of the new members starting in June, which you will find further along in this issue. We're thrilled to have you all join the guild and look forward to getting to know you! If you need assistance in getting around to all the tables or finding out what all is going on behind the scenes or want to make some new quilting friends...just ask! Our Membership team is a great place to start, but anyone who is a member of the guild would love to help you! Don't be shy; we're quilting sisters after all! ALSO, thanks to all the new volunteers that make our meetings so terrific and run so smoothly! AND to all the new Board members, the guild sends a great big "thanks" for sharing your time & talent with us!!

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PSQG June 2013

Don't miss our June meeting as our Activities team brings you highlights of the ROCKIN' Banquet (wasn't that terrific!), details for the upcoming July Picnic, the picnic workshop and more...these ladies continue to bring the best opportunities for quilting, fun and food...LOL!!! Bring your calendar! Also, we are in the infant stage of bringing the community another beautiful quilt show for 2014! But there are already so many things going on behind the scenes, we will get an update!! And all your favorites - some with a new twist - will return for the new year: Education, our awesome Library, Bees, Community Projects, Retreats, and more! Are you ready???

Happy New Year Prairie Star - *All hail the duties and possibilities of the coming twelve months!!!*

Until we meet, may the joy of needle & thread be yours!

*Teresa Kasch
Daytime VP*

Newsletter Info

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

Becky Hall, Editor
beckyh@rchconsulting.com

Upcoming Programs and workshops

June: Anita Grossman Solomon – her lecture on “Making it Simpler” Techniques will teach even us old dogs new tricks. Her classes include Mitered Log Cabin and “Xcentric”. Hurry and sign up for these at banquet – only a few spots remain!

July: Our picnic – with an added opportunity for a class in “ABCD Quilting” blocks.

August: Catherine Redford - Featuring two different lectures for us – Monday will be “Lessons learned While Quilting” and Tuesday we’ll hear about “Safari through African Folklore Embroidery.” Her classes will cover Folklore Embroidery and Modern Wool Applique.

Catherine took first place at Quiltcon 2013 and was featured in *modern Quilts Unlimited* June Issue.



MODERN CHALLENGE by Catherine Redford

1st Prize - *Modern in Miniature* category at QUILTCON 2013 (sponsored by *Modern Quilts Unlimited*)

You can see the minimalist, yet effective, quilting on this small quilt. The addition of the piped border really frames the pattern.

Sign up soon for her workshops as I suspect the few remaining spots will fill quickly!

*Sharron Evans
Program VP 2013-2014*

Membership

Renewal

Have you renewed your guild membership for 2013-2014? If not, please download the membership form from the guild website, www.PSQG.ORG. Membership is \$35.00 for the year with an additional \$15 for those members desiring the newsletter be mailed to them each month.

You may bring your completed form and check to the June guild meeting or mail to Joyce Jaksa at the address on the form. To be included in the 2013-2014 membership list, your form and payment must be received by July 1.

We are excited to be your membership co-chairs for the next guild year and will be there to welcome you at the June guild meetings.

Joyce Jaksa and Susan Cook

Welcome to PSQG!

Please welcome the following new members to our Guild at the June Chapter Meetings:

Lynn Bach – A.M. Chapter
 Bonnie Holtz – A.M. Chapter
 Mary Cline – A.M. Chapter
 Sue Lane – P.M. Chapter
 Cathy Maki – A.M. Chapter
 Connie Pomeroy – A.M. Chapter
 Lorraine Trittharot – A.M. Chapter
 Debbie Wisowaty – A.M. Chapter



Quilters Just Wanna Have Fun!!!!

So, let's plan on it! Following in the (very big and hard-to-fill) footsteps of outgoing Activities Chairs Chris Schwarz and Diane Moore, new Activities Co-Chairs Mary Stewart and Susan Strasser have put together the following calendar of fun events for the coming year.

ABCD Quilting Workshop and Annual Indoor Picnic

Monday, July 22, 2013:

Location: Congregational Church of Christ, 40W451 Fox Mill Blvd St. Charles, IL 60175 (just off LaFox Road)

There are still a few slots available for ABCD Quilting, a workshop presented by designer/teacher Kim Fauth; you can sign up at the June meeting. A supply list will be emailed to each participant and posted on the Web site. See the May newsletter for full details on what to expect (hint: \$35 and 1-1/2 yards of fabric will get you 32 blocks and a quilt in six hours). The workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 3:00 p.m.

For those who don't want to go home before the 6:00 p.m. Picnic, you may bring your picnic food in the morning, put it in the refrigerator, and continue to sew until the picnic begins at 6:00. As usual, for the picnic, you're expected to bring your own table service (plates and silverware) plus a dish to pass. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a salad. Those with last names beginning with N through Z, please bring a dessert. We'll furnish tea and lemonade; if you'd like a different beverage, please bring it. We will have ice and cups!

As always, we encourage you to bring any of the young quilters in your life. We'd love to meet them and see their "Show and Tells."

Fall Retreat

Monday, October 21, through Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Stay tuned for more information about this three-day opportunity to stitch in peace in a lovely setting in Oregon, Illinois—the Stronghold Retreat Center (only 20 minutes from Quilter's General Store in Rockford) You can arrive on Monday morning (lunch is provided on Monday) and stay into the afternoon on Wednesday. Further information will be posted in the July newsletter; sign-ups will begin at the July picnic.

Black Friday Scraps/Stash Organizing Workshop

Friday, November 29, 2013

Join us again for a relaxed, informal chance to sort and cut up your scraps. (And whatever scraps you decide you don't need can be donated to the Scraps Committee to be sold at the 2014 Quilt Show—donation bins will be available.) Stay tuned for further information.

Annual Winter Retreat

Friday, January 31, through Sunday, February 2, 2014

Sign-ups for this always-popular winter getaway at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien, Illinois, will begin in October (while you're still in the stitching mood following the Fall retreat).

Our Annual Banquet

Monday, May 19, 2014:

Mark your calendars! We'll be heading back to Villa Olivia for more good food and a chance to learn how NOT to make a prize-winning quilt from the famous Ami Sims!

Mary Stewart and Susan Strasser

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Our 2014 Quilt Show!

The Quilt Show committee is gearing up for next show! We've started working behind the scenes with preliminary planning and doing.

First—make a note on your calendar to hold Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18, 2014!!

The DuPage Fairgrounds have been reserved, and they are happy to host our show again.

We have a good idea for the Give-Away Door Gift for the show. Ginny Wright will be unveiling that at the June guild meeting, and supplying instructions for making it. This will be a good project for a bee meeting. So get your machines ready because we will need to make 1000 of these!

We have also been assembling blocks for the Raffle Quilt. Caron Carlson planned the colors, gratefully accepted fabric donations and did a little shopping to augment the supplies, and cut all the pieces. A sew-in was held at the end of May, where we had an excellent start on making blocks. Caron expects to have all blocks completed by the end of June, so we are on-track for Raffle Quilt Ticket sales to start in October, later this year.

And we will also be announcing the Challenge theme at the June meetings! Get ready for some fun.

Besides these activities, the other committees have been making their plans and will be

announcing the Raffle Baskets and Boutique needs at upcoming meetings.

And please remember- Save those Scraps and Magazines/Books/Patterns! We will start accepting these items at the October guild meetings. But NOTE: ALL MAGAZINES MUST BE DATED 2004 OR LATER. Just recycle those older magazines.

See you at the Guild Meetings! (Any questions about the show- just ask us!)

*Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz, and Leslie Nykel
Chair and Co-Chairs*

News from the Beehive

Our Bees are so active these days that we are flitting from making one type of quilt to another and another. We have Bees of all kinds from Art, Wool, Embroidery, Appliqué, Hand quilting, scrap quilting, fabric dying, to a general Bee which does it all. I think all of us enjoy the fellowship and the ability to share ideas, projects, and get another opinion on our work in progress. There are openings in some of our Bees so please check the lists at the Bee table at our Guild meetings. We also need a few more names to begin an Embellishment Bee and a Daytime Art Bee.

We are now taking names for a new daytime English Paper-piecing Bee, to be held at The Quilt Merchant in Winfield, date to be determined. If you are interested please sign up at the Guild meeting. A good website is www.paperpieces.com. Also there are lots of pictures on Pinterest. If you prefer evenings, please note that too.



Yes, it is exciting that so many people love to sew, quilt, embroider ...and knit. We have such a good time!

Until the Guild meeting, keep quilting! See you then.

Ginny Wright, Beekeeper
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ginny.wright@comcast.net

Specialty Rulers

Specialty rulers can be divided into two categories –those used for cutting fabric and those used for trimming blocks. They could equally well be divided into rulers you couldn't live without and those sitting around that you never use.

You know about the ones in that last category. They're the ones the teacher insisted you needed for the class then used it on only one block and never again.

Thinking About A Quilt Retreat?

Check out Illinois Amish Area Quilt Retreat

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Some of these rulers are so very special they only get used when making a certain type of block. Really, how many spider blocks are you going to make? At the time you were making the block the ruler was indispensable but you haven't used it since. OK- so here is my plug for the Prairie Star Quilt Guild's first ever, soon to be annual Garage Sale. Why not donate those rulers so another quilter can use them?

I'm asking you to write and tell me what is your favorite and your least favorite ruler and why. No individual names will be used. You can send the description to me at yrichter@juno.com or hand me your written description at a guild meeting or whenever you see me.

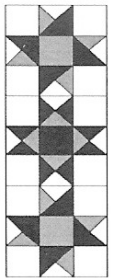
So here goes my contribution. My most favorite has to go to my Fit to be Geese ruler. I'm forever making those blocks and even though I forget how to use it if I've been away for a while, it doesn't take too long to get back to it. It allows me to get my finished block the exact size I need. My least favorite goes to the Tri-Recs Tools. They look like they would be

great for making 60° angles and half square triangles but the angles **aren't** 60°. Mine measures to be 52.5° for one ruler and 64.5° for the other. When I bought the ruler, the teacher told me the tip was cut wrong for trimming so it has been sitting in a drawer ever since. With the angles not being the normal angles I use in making blocks, I don't know if I would use it even if I went back and figured out how.

By the way, there are many instructional videos available on line on how to use rulers for those of us who have thrown out the instructions or still have them but can't follow them.

Email or write and let me know how you feel about your rulers - before Sister Sew & Sew comes back and uses them on your knuckles.

*Yvonne Richter,
Education Chair*



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Susan Strasser	June 23
Ute Murrin	June 25
Maggie Alvarado	June 26
Barb Truman	June 27
Diane Carney	June 28
Ginny Wright	June 28
Karen Dowd	June 30
Kay Duy	June 30
Kathy Ostler	July 1
Susan Bresnhan	July 4
Marcia Marcus	July 7
Gail Myers	July 7
Shirley Dreis	July 9
Jean Campbell	July 12
Angela Beincker	July 15

From outside the Guild

Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show

Presented by Lighthouse Quilters Guild, Inc., Racine, WI.

Dates: September 28 - 29, 2013

Location: Fountain Banquet Hall,
8505 Durand Ave.
Sturtevant, WI 53177

(Easy access from I-94 between Milwaukee and Chicago.)

Time: Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 admission

The Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show will feature over 250 quilts. All quilters are invited to enter this judged show. Additional features include works by the honored quilter, Marie Raymond; small quilt silent auction to benefit a local charity; quilting and textile arts demonstrations; antique quilt bed turning; quilt raffle; boutique of handmade items; vendor mall; concessions.

Details and entry form are available at www.lighthousequiltersguild.org or call 262-632-1410.



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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.

June Meetings

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

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

July Meetings

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

Guild Picnic: Mon. July 22, 6:00 p.m.

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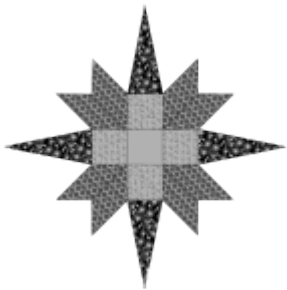
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