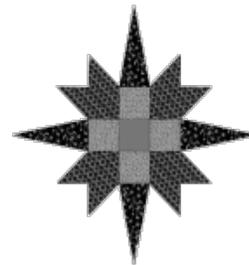


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From the Evening VP

I certainly enjoyed our mini-safari to South Africa with Catherine Redford last month! A real African photo safari has long been on my travel wish list, so it was a little extra treat to do some armchair traveling along with seeing the African folklore embroidery inspirations. And being a typical Yankee, I enjoyed listening to her still veddy British accent and sense of humor. I spent a full day with Catherine, treating myself to a day off of work to do hand-stitching with her in our guild Monday workshop. Pssst.... I heard two HAND-work-is-a-dirty-word guild members may just have become converts!

So the kids have gone back to school now. How about you? Is it time to learn a new technique? Or maybe, like me, to just enjoy a "me-day" sewing with your quilting peeps? Sharron is bringing us a couple more great teachers in September and October, Jean Biddick and Sally Davis, the latter she calls Kaffe Fassett's "ghost quilter" for making some of the wildly colorful quilts featured in his books. Jean's workshops are on "Piecing Mosaics" and "Feathered Star" each of which promise to give you the technical skills you need working on manageably-sized projects. Got a fear of plaids? Sally's workshop on "Plaids Squared" might just be the cure you need! There are a few spots left in those workshops.

Speaking of taking time for yourself and having fun with your quilting pals, coming up is the Fall Retreat on October 21-23. With Susan Strasser and Mary Stewart as the party planners, you know it'll be a fun time! Classes or the retreat are also a good way to get to know other guild members, so if you're new to the guild and can get away for a few days, sign up now! (con'td)

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PSQG September 2013

Now back to my African folklore stitching while watching the season finale of "Hot in Cleveland" with the reunion of the female cast from the old Mary Tyler Moore show! The stars of "Hot" look like they are having so much fun while they are *working*, don't they? Betty White rocks!

Yours in stitches,

Beth Hoffman, Evening VP

Activities Corner

PSQG Fall Retreat (October 21-23, 2013): Be There or Be Square!

Don't wait! To make sure you'll be there to enjoy the fun, if you haven't already registered, please contact either Susan Strasser (strasser23@gmail.com) or Mary Stewart (maryk_stewart@hotmail.com) right away and let us know you want to come. (Then, of course, we'll want your money!)

The retreat will be held on October 21-23 at the Stronghold Retreat Center in Oregon, Illinois. The rooms will be located in the Heritage Center, which has 16 rooms, each of which has its own bathroom and can sleep up to two people. The cost for a single room is \$195; shared rooms are \$125 per person. The price includes uninterrupted sewing time, seven meals, and surprise activities. The sewing room has a refrigerator and microwave, coffeemaker, and a counter for snacks. We'll have ironing stations and a design wall for you to preview your creations.

Black Friday Scraps Cutting Event (November 29, 2013)

The Huntley Room at the St. Charles Public Library is this year's venue for the (perhaps annual?) PSQG Scraps Cutting Event. You can bring scraps (or other fabric), a cutting mat, rulers, and a rotary cutter and spend some pleasant hours in the company of your quilting buddies preparing for your next project. We'll

furnish irons, ironing surfaces, a couple of Accucut GOs with some standard dies, and even a few interesting patterns for scrap quilts. We'll be open for business from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a perfect way to spend the day after Thanksgiving if you're not eager to brave the Black Friday crowds in the stores. (Or, even if you are an avid Black Friday shopper and get up in the wee hours, you can join us afterward!) There will be no charge for the workshop, but we will begin sign-ups at the September Guild Meeting so we'll know how many to plan for.

PSQG Winter Retreat (January 31-February 2, 2014)

It's not too early to put this event, which will again be held at the Carmelite Center in Darien, on your calendars. More information will be available at the October guild meeting, and sign-ups will begin then. Questions? Contact Susan or Mary.

Susan Strasser (strasser23@gmail.com),
Mary Stewart (maryk_stewart@hotmail.com)

Community Projects

Thank you to these members who turned in completed quilts in August: Marcy Christensen, Edith Hubbard, Lois Larson, Sue Needham, and Pegi Twait. Thanks to Nancy Gambrel for making up five kits. These quilts are donated to children in CASA and to Provena Pine View Care Center.

Nancy Aho and Pat Noonan



Upcoming Programs

September: Jean Biddick

In September, we will be hosting Jean Biddick. As mentioned previously, her attention to detail is fabulous and she will show us her techniques in accomplishing such stunning quilts. You all may not have known it but you have seen her work many times on the covers of Quilters Newsletter, many AQS quilt calendars and throughout many other magazines and national quilt shows. Her lecture, "Architectural Influences," will surely inspire us all.

There is still time to sign up for her workshops at this month's meeting:

Piecing Mosaics:

Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This all day workshop will have us making beautiful mosaics inspired quilts.



Feathered Star:

This half-day workshop is bringing us back to the magnificent traditional Feathered Star.



Both classes will be giving you the inspiration and technical skills you can use to create the next Best of Show winner.

October: Sally Davis

Then it's on to October... when we welcome Ms. Sally Davis. I call Sally the ghost quilter for Kaffe Fassett. Every year while I attend "quilt camp" I get a sneak peak at the new, not yet released fabric line Kaffe has created. Sally is always busy designing the next quilt design with these jewels.

Blue Potpourri:

Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Plaids Squared:

Tuesday afternoon.



Sign up soon for these classes... classes have been filling fast and you would hate to miss these two! Don't be one of the disappointed.

November: UFOs!

Bring your UFOs to the November meeting – you could win prizes! More to come next month.

Happy Quilting,

*Sharron & Jenny
Program VP 2013-2014*



News from the Beehive

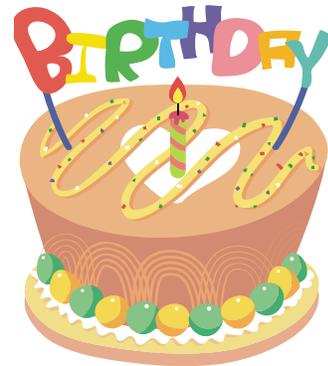
Fall is upon us, and the Bees must keep on buzzing, especially since our show is only one year away. For new members, please take the time to join a Bee so that you can meet new friends, share ideas, projects, and have some friends with which to go to shows, lunch or whatever!

We still have openings in a Thursday daytime Bee, a Monday Embroidery Bee, a Thursday Applique Bee or just sign up and start a new Bee. We have one person who wants to meet on a Monday or Tuesday daytime. Our two members who wanted a night time Bee have found a home, thanks to Jan Sharpless and her

Bee. As usual, if there are openings in Bees, please let me know.

I will not be at the September Guild meetings so give me a call or email me with your questions.

Ginny Wright, Beekeeper
630-513-1418 or 630-715-2266 (cell)
ginny.wright@comcast.net



HAPPY BIRTHDAY To—

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|---------------------|----------|
| Barbara Carlson | Sept. 17 |
| Cathy Maki | Sept. 17 |
| Judy Sus | Sept. 18 |
| Sue Lane | Sept. 23 |
| Emilie Marquez | Sept. 25 |
| Mary Ellen Hennebry | Oct. 1 |
| Sherrie Letzter | Oct. 3 |
| Edna DeVore | Oct. 8 |
| Nancy Merlak | Oct. 10 |
| Diane Swaney-Smith | Oct. 11 |
| Chris Berry | Oct. 22 |
| Nancy Lilly | Oct. 23 |
| Jody Schoneck | Oct. 24 |
| Jan Sharpless | Oct. 25 |
| Kathy Wall | Oct. 27 |
| Vi Nelson | Oct. 28 |
| Beth Reuter | Oct. 28 |
| Georgia Rodney | Oct. 28 |
| Ila Migut | Oct. 29 |
| Bonnie Holtz | Oct. 31 |
| Lois Wilhelm | Oct. 31 |

2014 Quilt Show News!!

I hope everyone has plans to finish up a quilt or two over the fall and winter and to show these at the Quilt Show!! We probably show over 30 quilts per month at our guild meetings, and if each of those were submitted to the show, we would have over 300 quilts. Our goal for the 2014 show is to increase the number of guild members who show at least 1 quilt!!

We need to have at least 1000 tissue holders for the show attendees to receive. If you haven't made any yet, find the directions on the website and string piece a dozen. Ginny Wright will be collecting these at the guild meetings.

Boxes!! Boxes!! We need SMALL empty boxes - the ones that hold 12 wine bottles are perfect! Bring these to the next guild meeting.

And the donation table will be OPEN at the next guild meetings!! We are looking for:

- ❖ magazines that are less than 10 years old! (If you have many, please put them in the boxes)
- ❖ books and patterns
- ❖ scraps – of "quilt store" quality ONLY please
- ❖ boutique items that you have made including table runners, scrap baskets, purses, aprons, table mats, knit scarves, electronic reader covers, pillowcases!! And whatever you love to use!!

See you at the guild meeting!

*Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz
and Leslie Nyckel*

Membership

We thought you would be interested to know that the current membership of PSQG is 240. Thanks to all of our renewing members, and a special welcome to our new members! New members are listed each month in the newsletter.

And speaking of members, please remember to wear a name badge. It can be something you have made, a badge from another guild or bee or the PSQG official name badge. We like to know who you are! If you need a name badge, you can order an official PSQG name badge at any time for \$8.50. Just see one of us at the membership table.

Do you have a VIP card for JoAnn Fabric and Craft Store – commonly known as Joann's? Or maybe you would like to get one to take advantage of the 10% off most items. If so, please come to the membership table for a PSQG Membership card. That's all you need for proof of belonging to a guild.

Joyce Jaksa and Susan Cook

Thinking About A Quilt Retreat?

Check out Illinois Amish Area Quilt Retreat

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



WELCOME TO PSQG –

Please welcome the following new members to PSQG:

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Kari Lehman | P.M. Chapter |
| Kathy Lupo | P.M. Chapter |
| Emilie Marquez | P.M. Chapter |
| Ruby Valentine | P.M. Chapter |
| Mary Weinschreider | A.M. Chapter |

And, a warm welcome back to Sandy Schweitzer, A.M. Chapter.

Quilter's tote case

Fabric:

- 2 pieces **(A)** the width of your cutting mat (WOM)+ 1.5" by (2x the length of your mat - 2")
- 1 piece **(B)** (WOM + 1.5") by (2x the length of your mat - 4")
- 1 piece **(C)** (WOM + 1.5") by (2x the length of your mat - 6")
- 1 piece **(D)** (WOM + 1.5") by (2x the length of your mat - 8")
- 1 piece fleece/batting/felt 2" by width of mat
- 1 elastic hair tie and 1 button (shank style works best)

A and **C** in same color, **B** and **D** in contrasting/coordinating colors works well. Slightly heavier weight fabric works best.

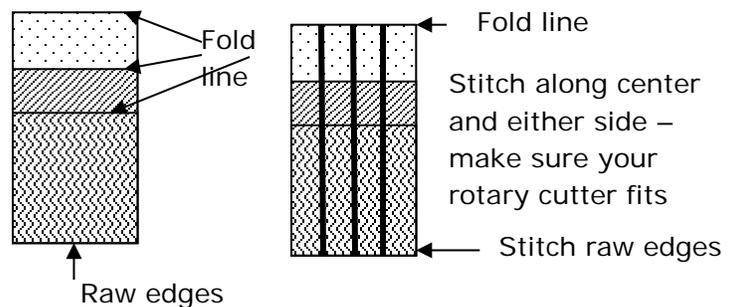
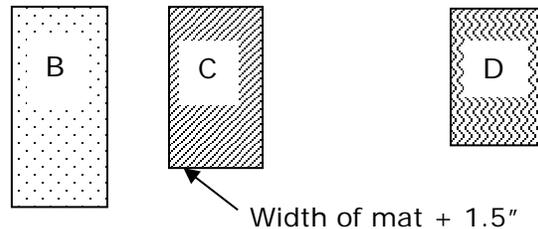
Example: For a 7"wide x 9"long mat, A is 8.5" x 16", B is 8.5" x 14", C is 8.5" x 12", and D is 8.5" x 10"

Step 1:

- Fold B, C, D in half wrong sides together lengthwise
- Align the raw edges opposite the folded edges
- Sew a center line through all layers.
- Sew the raw edges together. This will form your pockets.

- Sew a line 2" either side of the center line.*

***Caution** before sewing other lines, pin and check that your rotary cutter will fit in the pocket. You may need to adjust.

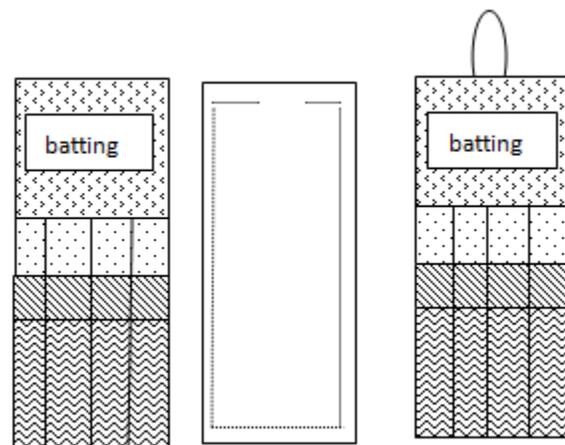


Step 2:

- On right side of 1 piece of A, measure 2" down from edge and put top edge of batting along this line. Center batting and stitch around edge of batting.

Step 3:

- Place stitched together pieces B, C, D on right side of the piece A with the batting attached Align bottom edge.



- Place the other piece A **right side down** on top of the layers aligning edges. Sew ¼" from the edges leaving a 3" space open above the batting for turning. Clip corners. Zig-Zag raw edges.

Step 4:

- Turn right side out. **You will have to turn the pockets (B, C, and D) over to the correct side.**
- Place a hair tie half inside the opening used for turning and top stitch the opening closed with the hair tie in place. Place cutting mat inside and locate where the button needs to be placed for the hair tie to close the case.

Yvonne Richter
Education Chair



From outside the Guild

Our Quilts in Bloom

Presented by: Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild

Dates: September 20 & 21, 2013

Location: Prairie Stone Sports & Wellness Center (5050 Sedge Blvd in Hoffmann Estates)

Time: Friday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$7.00, Children under 17 FREE

For further information: www.nsqg.net

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

Details at www.lighthousequiltersguild.org .

Quiltapalooza!

Presented by Petunia City Quilters, Dixon, IL.

Dates: October 11- 12, 2013

Location: Northside Baptist Church
598 River Ln.
Dixon, IL

Time: Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 admission

Newsletter Info

**Deadline for the next newsletter:
October 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

Becky Hall, Editor
beckyh@rchconsulting.com

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. 23, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m.

October Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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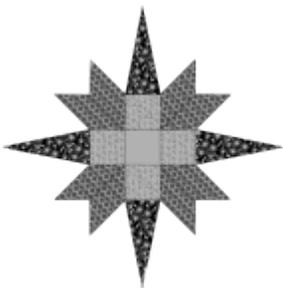
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