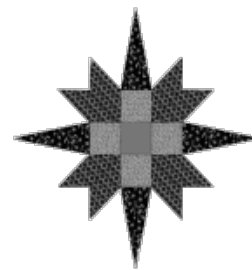


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From the Morning VP

Each season of the year is special to quilters for so many different reasons, but like Anne of Green Gables - *"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."*...oh yes, Autumn. No matter your quilting style, this is the season that really defines the soul of a quilter and finds our nesting instincts on full throttle! Welcome to the most wonderful time of the year!

In October we will welcome Sally Davis, the woman behind the man...that man being Kaffe Fassett! Sally is a "ghost" quilter for Kaffe and will come with her glorious sense of color and teach us the ways of Kaffe! A distinctive and rich beauty - we are all in for a treat - no tricks here!! Her talk is *Evolution of a Quilt Maker*.

Next month is UFO Sightings (*Oldest UFO, I ran out of fabric UFO...*), I cannot even begin to tell you how much fun this is going to be, please read all the details below in the Programs section. And don't forget to participate in our Garage Sale before and after our UFO program - it's going to a wild ride!!

Our 2014 Quilt Show is now officially one year away! And so many people are now working on bringing another fantastic quilt show to the DuPage County Fairgrounds next year. We need everyone to participate, and especially, for all members to show at least one quilt! You will begin to hear about Raffle Baskets, the Raffle Quilt (you'll see it at the October guild meeting!!!), Boutique items, Scraps and so on. Please make yourself very familiar with all the wonderful details, join in, sew something beautiful to display and we will, again, have a show to remember!! Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel are your show co-chairs for all things pointing to Prairie Treasures 2014!

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PSQG October 2013

Activities is busy gearing up for our Fall Retreat at Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center in Oregon (Illinois that is!), October 21-23! Join us and get a head start on that quilt for Christmas or finish a UFO...and enjoy the beautiful surroundings with your quilt sisters! And if that's not enough, the Activities team is planning more retreats, a scrap night and much more...read all about it!!

Come and see all the wonderful activities this fantastic guild has to offer...October 28th at 7pm or October 29th at 9:30am! Beth Hoffman and I will be there to welcome you all...don't miss it!!

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

Teresa Kasch
Daytime VP

Funding

Due to two wildly successful Quilt Shows, the Guild finds itself in a sound financial situation which is great. However, it also means we have more money in our savings account than is necessary to meet the Board's specific financial goals. As a result we find ourselves in the enviable position to have approximately \$3000 to \$5,000 that needs to be spent before the end of our fiscal year.

So the Board is looking for member input on ways to spend the excess funds. In the past the Guild has given money to various charities and sponsored scholarships but we are open to other ideas as well. Please send your suggestions to me at bonitadeering@yahoo.com or call me at 630-406-0237. I'll collect all the responses and compile the most frequent 4 or 5 suggestions to bring to the Board. If you would like the money to go to a charity, please feel free to provide the name of a charity and why you think we should select them. Also, the money



can be split up and applied to more than one group or cause.

The deadline to submit ideas is November 1. Thanks for your help and input!

Bonita Deering,
PSQG President

Activities Corner

PSQG Fall Retreat (October 21-23, 2013): It's not too late!

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. **The last day to let us know is Wednesday, October 16.** (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.



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 11:00 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

Thanks go out to these members for completing quilts for children in CASA: Merna Cunningham, Donna Fowler, Barbara Gillespie, Betty Losselyong, Cindy Krell, Carol Marlovits, Lorraine Miranda, and Pegi Twait. Thank you to Nancy Gambrel for cutting kits for us.

Nancy Aho and Pat Noonan

Upcoming Programs

Are we having fun yet? I sure have been. I mean really – what does it say when a die-hard “no hand work” quilter actually has been converted to a born again needle art gal. Wait until you see what this gal has been up to! But that's enough about me. Let's see what's coming up next!!!!

Jean Biddick's class was a big success! Now one of our best friends is coming to bat.

Thinking About A Quilt Retreat?

Check out Illinois Amish Area Quilt Retreat

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225 E. Jefferson
Arcola, IL 61910
217.268.4876

www.arcoliflowerpatch.com

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



October: Sally Davis

Sally Davis hails from the Jersey shore. You've heard me say – she's a "ghost quilt designer" for Kaffe Fassett. Don't we all just love his fabric but have wondered what to do with all that color and those fabulous prints? Well here is your opportunity to get that Kaffe stash out and make some magic.



Yellow Potpourri:

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



Sally's first workshop is "Yellow Potpourri" ... a great way to combine all those wonderful Kaffe's! Of course, your quilt doesn't have to be yellow – you can choose from a rainbow of the glorious colors that Kaffe produces. That class is held on Monday at the church at 9:00 a.m. on October 28th. Hey, maybe an orange potpourri for Halloween!

Plaids Squared:

Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday afternoon Sally will help us work with all those plaids we've been stashing with her Plaids Squared class. (Hint: she's working on a plaid diamond pattern too. Maybe she can give us a sneak peek?) That class is held Tuesday right after our meeting and a quick lunch (about 12:30).

Check the <http://psqg.org/> website for supply lists, fees and other information.

November: UFOs!

And now we have the full reveal of our "UFO sightings". **Our categories are:**

- ❖ Oldest UFO
- ❖ Ugliest Fabric – or "what was I thinking" UFO
- ❖ Best Holiday UFO
- ❖ Wedding Quilt – now 25th Anniversary UFO
- ❖ Largest UFO
- ❖ "Just how old is the baby now?" UFO
- ❖ Best story behind your UFO
- ❖ Smallest, when finished, UFO
- ❖ Nicest looking – What are you waiting for? UFO
- ❖ Only cut pieces – UFO
- ❖ "I ran out of fabric" UFO
- ❖ Closest to being finished UFO

And of course ...

- ❖ Our Best In Show – UFO

There will be over \$2,500 worth of prizes!

So here are the rules:

- ❖ Only 12 quilts per category will be eligible – first come, first eligible
- ❖ Limit one prize per contestant
- ❖ Each quilt can only be on one category.

See you then for a really exhilarating meeting!

Happy Quilting,

*Sharron & Jenny
Program VP 2013-2014*

November Meeting Garage Sale

A garage sale will be held at the November guild meetings along with the other activities. Sales will be open Monday evening 6:00 p.m. to the end of the meeting and Tuesday morning 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The sales will stay open during the meetings.

To be a seller at the sale you must sign up indicating if you will be selling at a.m. or p.m. or both. There will be a signup sheet at the October guild meetings. We will need to know how much space you need of an 8 foot table (1/4, 1/2, or 3/4). Things you can sell: quilt fabric, wool, trims, lace, buttons, yarn, handmade items, kits even partially completed, or any kind of embellishments it's up to you. For those of you that have very large items that you cannot bring in, supply us with a detailed description and color photo. We will post it on the bulletin board, but we do ask that you be in attendance at the sale to answer questions and handle the sale. Please note, books, magazines and patterns are not to be sold at the garage sale as they are a major source of revenue for the upcoming quilt show.

All your items should be priced and packaged if necessary. Buyers please have small bills, and or personal checks.

The Signup sheet will be at the October Guild meetings. Please feel free to call or email us for any help.

Susan Carr 630-682-1348 beaufitz1@comcast.net or Linda Harlson 630-377-5750 lharlson@comcast.net

News from the Beehive



All has been quiet the last month but I know there are new members who would enjoy being a member of a Bee! I missed the September Guild meetings but you can still call or email me for information.

Last month I found a spot for the two members who wanted an evening Bee. We are still looking for anyone who would like a Monday or Tuesday morning Bee, an Embellishment Bee for daytime, and any other Bees that you can think of. Just let me know!

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



WELCOME TO PSQG –

Please welcome the following new members to PSQG:

Ellen Bellantoni – AM Chapter
Lynn Fick – AM Chapter
Marilyn Keare – AM Chapter
Laurel Kiburg – PM Chapter
Carolyn Mack – AM Chapter
Sharon Simms – AM Chapter

Newsletter Info

**Deadline for the next newsletter:
November 7, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

Becky Hall, Editor
beckyh@rchconsulting.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY To—

Carol Gent	November 4
Shirley Dickenscheidt	November 5
Lois Bushman Spognardi	November 5
Barb Vlack	November 7
Kathy Elvin	November 9
Joyce Jakska	November 9
Lois Larson	November 12
Joanne Sattler	November 12
Linda Marra	November 15
Mary Weinschreider	November 16
Sandy Schweitzer	November 17
Ann Garrison	November 19
Elizabeth Taylor	November 21
Teresa Kasch	November 22
Juanita Brook	November 25
Adele Jeschke	November 25
Carol Andermann	November 27
Eva Thorn	November 28
Judy Kaulfuss	November 29
Cheryl Burdine	November 30
Heidi Clayton	November 30
Diane Hinton	November 30

2014 Quilt Show News

Next year at this time, we will all be finishing the bindings on our quilts; the raffle baskets and scrap bags and books/magazines will be ready to go; and we'll all be hoping that one of our raffle tickets is the winner for the raffle quilt!

In order to make this vision come true, we will need your help over the next 12 months!!

- ❖ the **Quilt Show Table** at the Guild Meetings is the place where we collect, sign you up to help, and answer you're your questions about the show
- ❖ **Volunteers** are needed to take the Raffle Quilt to the Sewing and Quilt Expo on Nov 14, 15, or 16!!! Please contact Barb Gillespie, Jan, Chris or Leslie!! We also have showings scheduled for other guild meetings, and we need volunteers for those events too. There will also be a sign up sheet at the next guild meetings.
- ❖ **Raffle Basket** bee owners are wanted. Teresa and Kathy have a list of ideas for you to select from.
- ❖ **Bookmarks!!** Please check on the quilt stores near you to restock their bookmarks. If you have extra bookmarks, please bring them back to the October Guild meetings. We are having more printed and can put your extra ones to use!
- ❖ Don't forget to **bring your fabric scraps and books/ magazines/ patterns** to the October Guild Meetings.
- ❖ We have 704 **tissue holders!** Thanks so much to all who have made these, and **we still need 300 more!!**
- ❖ The PSQG website **Quilt Show pages** are up and accessible. The names of the show chairs are listed in case you want to contact them directly. The dates, venue, the pattern for the tissue holder, and the quilt entry form are all online for you to access. There are some changes for entering your quilts this year, so be sure to look at the form!!

Thanks for your support of the Show!

Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel

Freezer Paper Printing

Have you ever tried feeding fabric for a label through your printer only to end up with a wrinkled, smeared mess?

Try this instead.

1. Cut two pieces of freezer paper a little larger than the size of the fabric you'd like to print on.
2. Place one sheet waxed side down on an ironing surface covered with a Teflon sheet (the kind that you use when fusing appliqué).
3. Steam press the freezer paper (you want it to shrink).
4. Place the second piece of freezer paper on top of the first (wax side down) and steam it to the first piece.
5. Carefully peel up the two-layer sheet of freezer paper and place it wax side down on your label fabric and steam the three layers (fabric, two sheets of freezer paper) together.
6. When the sandwich has cooled, cut it into a piece that easily feeds through your printer, and print.

Once you have your label printed (be sure and use an ink-jet, not a laser, printer), heat set the printing by pressing it with a dry iron.

Many thanks to Susan Strasser for this information!

Yvonne Richter
Education Chair

From outside the Guild

For the Love of Fiber

Presented by: Fiber Art Divas!

Dates: October 16 to 26, 2013

Location: Naperville Art League (508 N. Central St. in Naperville)

Time: Wednesday & Friday noon to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday noon to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

For further info: fiberdivas.blogspot.com

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

Quilts from the Village XIII

Presented by Village Quilters of Lake Bluff.

Dates: October 25-26, 2013

Location Libertyville Sports Complex
Libertyville, IL

Time: Friday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10 am -5 pm

Cost : \$7.00, Seniors \$6.00, Children under 12
Free

For further info: www.villagequilters.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.

October Meetings

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

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

November Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. Nov. 5, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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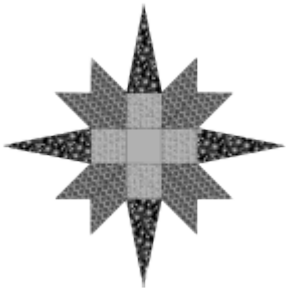
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