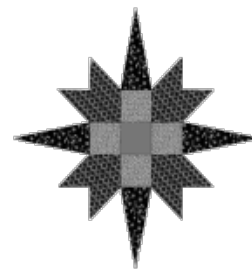


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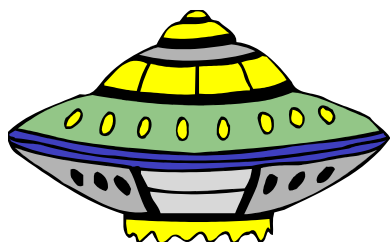
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From the President

Hi all! Welcome to Autumn! And of course, when Autumn arrives the holidays can't be far behind – Yahoo! And with the holidays comes gift giving season. Wouldn't a bundle of raffle tickets for our gorgeous PSQG Raffle Quilt make the perfect stocking stuffer for your friends and family this year? And speaking of the Raffle Quilt, sign-ups are going on now to travel with our quilt to various local guilds and sell those tickets. We'll need the help of all of our members to sell as many tickets as possible before the Quilt Show next October!

Do you have any UFO's lurking in your sewing room closet? I know I do (more than a few to be honest). Well, in November you can bring those UFO's out of the dark and into the light. Enter one (or more) of your UFO's in one of the many categories and have the chance to win great prizes. I'm a little scared to venture into that part of my closet and see just how many UFO's I have but...maybe seeing that I am not the only one with Unfinished Projects, it will motivate me to finish a few (or not!!!)



In addition UFO night for our November guild meeting, we will also be hosting a Quilter's Garage Sale so bring your cash and help some of us make space in our sewing rooms for MORE stuff!

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A little bird told me that we had 11 quilts donated to the Guild's Community Projects committee so thank you and let's keep those quilts coming!

And finally, remember no meeting in December but then get ready to rock and roll into 2014 with a line-up of wonderful speakers including: Priscilla Kibble in January; Phillipa Naylor in April and Ami Simms comes to visit for our May Banquet, plus much, much more each and every month!

Happy Quilting!

Bonita Deering
Guild President

Activities Corner

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 sign-ups will continue through the November Guild Meeting so we'll know how many to plan for.

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

Drum Roll, please!!!! If you missed the awesome retreat on October 21-23, you're in luck. You have a second chance this year to participate in a (soon-to-be, if-not-already) famous PSQG retreat. This one will be held at the Carmelite Center in Darien, on Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2. Both single and double rooms are available. The cost for a single is \$225; doubles are \$175. This price includes five meals (dinner on Friday through breakfast on Sunday), unlimited sewing, snacks, and surprise events-even a chance for a short road-trip, shop-hop to local quilt stores. You may sign up at the November guild meetings or by calling Susan Strasser or Mary Stewart. Questions? Contact one of us.

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



Community Projects

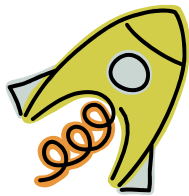
Thank you to those guild members who have given of their time and talents towards community projects this month. These helpful members are Barb Bullock, Susan Carr, Marcy Christensen, Merna Cunningham, Lynn Fick, Nancy Gambrel, Gwyn Johnsen, Laurel Kiburg, Beth Martin, Elaine Morgan, Vi Nelson, and Linda Stoyhoff.

Nancy Aho and Pat Noonan

Upcoming Programs

Well I guess Sally impressed many of you because Monday night I had 5 people registered for the class and before the class started on Tuesday that number doubled. Sally showed me some photos in her camera and I must say, we should have some great quilts for the Quilt Show this year. And if their class piece is not completed by this months' meeting they'll make some great UFO's!

And now this month I present our "UFO sightings" contest!



November: UFOs!

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

Remember, **there are over \$2,500 worth of prizes!**

So here are the rules:

- ❖ Only 12 quilts will be allowed per category
- ❖ Registration will be on a first come, first eligible basis - however we may limit the number of quilts you enter to try and give everyone a chance to be a contestant.
- ❖ Each quilt can only be in one category.
- ❖ Winner will be chosen by a vote by the members present – aka – no proxy voting, no absentee ballots or early voting
- ❖ Contestants will not be voting in their category
- ❖ In case of a tie – winner will be chosen by the Program Chair – that's me ☺ (hey, there has to be some perk to this job – LOL)
- ❖ BEST IN SHOW will be chosen from all the winners of each category

Everyone will be receiving a prize just for being a good sport and participating!

And speaking of prizes:

Please show your support of these vendors who have graciously provided prizes for this fun event:

- ❖ Pam's Attic – It's All Good: http://stores.ebay.com/Pams-Attic-Its-All-Good?_rdc=1
- ❖ Prairie Shop
Quilts: www.prairieshopquilts.com
- ❖ Liz Coleman:
email: eacoleman7979@aol.com
- ❖ Fons & Porter: www.shopfonsandporter.com
- ❖ Electric
Quilt: <http://www.electricquilt.com>
- ❖ Coats and Clark: www.coatsandclark.com
- ❖ Nancy's Notion
: www.nancysnotions.com
- ❖ Debbie Long – long-arm quilter: 630-690-6071

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- ❖ Sally Davis:
email: simplysal_quilter@msn.com
- ❖ PSQG Board – for our free class prizes
- ❖ Quilters Rule: www.quiltersrule.com
- ❖ Nancy Gambrel / Finely Finished
Quilts: www.finelyfinishedbynancy.blogspot.com
- ❖ Teresa Boi – Tbdecor.com

See you then for a really exhilarating meeting!

Happy Quilting,

Sharron Evans

Program VP 2013-2014

November Meeting Garage Sale

A garage sale will be held at the November guild meetings. 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. 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.

Please feel free to call or email us for any help.

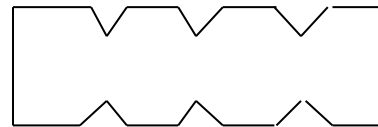
Susan Carr 630-682-

*1348 beaufitz1@comcast.net or Linda Harlson
630-377-5750 lharlson@comcast.net*

Education

Need to check your seam? The lines on a 3x5 card are exactly ¼ inch apart.

Organize your floss and keep it from getting tangled by wrapping it on a piece of foam board with notches cut in it.



Thinking About A Quilt Retreat?

Check out Illinois Amish Area Quilt Retreat

ARCOLA FLOWER PATCH B&B

225 E. Jefferson
Arcola, IL 61910
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www.arcoliflowerpatch.com

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



Quilting Help

Stuck on how to use a ruler, make the binding meet properly, other problems? There are many web sites which have written instructions and videos on how to solve these dilemmas and more.

- ❖ sewing.about.com/library/sewnews/library/aamach21.htm information on sewing machine needles
- ❖ www.needlepointers.com/ShowArticles.aspx?DavID=1009 This site has links to other sites containing yardage information, quilt dimensions, binding requirements and more.
- ❖ www.sewingmachine-sales.co.uk/sewing_machine_info/video/sewing-machine-feet.php This site has videos on how to use various sewing machine feet.
- ❖ www.victorianaquiltdesigns.net/QuiltingLessons.htm This site provides links to quilting lessons. They are organized by category making them easy to find.

Yvonne Richter
Education Committee



WELCOME TO PSQG!

Please welcome the following new members to our Guild:

Jacque Archambeau – AM Chapter
Nancy Baxter - AM Chapter
Carol Crow – AM Chapter
Denita Jackman – AM Chapter
Sue Juns – AM Chapter
Jan Karnstedt – AM Chapter

News from the Beehive

All has been quiet the last month (the bees are hibernating?) but I know there are new members who would enjoy being a member of a Bee. You can call or email me for information. We are still looking for those 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!

Remember that Teresa and Kathy Elvin are looking for Baskets from the Bees for our next show in October 2014. Please volunteer to make one.



Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Membership

The October guild meetings had a combined attendance of 204, including six new members and four visitors. A wonderful turnout! And we have signed up 37 **new** members since June. The guild membership is thriving!

Speaking of new members, we gave all the new members who attended one of the October guild meetings a 'new member ribbon.' It is yellow (like measuring tape) and we are asking new members to wear the ribbon at each guild meeting they attend through next May. If you see someone wearing one of these, please introduce yourself and help make them feel welcome in any way you can. Any new member who did not get their new member ribbon at the October guild meeting, please see us at next month's meetings.

Just a reminder – if your address, phone number or email changes, please let one of us know. This will ensure that you will continue to

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receive all communications from the guild.
Thanks!

And finally, we would like to encourage everyone to wear a name badge at guild meetings. This can be a name badge you have made, one from another organization, or the official PSQG name badge. If you need a name badge and would like us to order the PSQG name badge for you, please let us know. The cost is \$8.50.

Joyce Jaksa (jsjaks@gmail.com) and Susan Cook (susanc153@gmail.com)

Newsletter Info

**Deadline for the next newsletter:
January 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

Becky Hall, Editor
beckyh@rchconsulting.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY To—

Eva Wood	Dec. 3
Carol Bates	Dec. 5
Beverly Enright	Dec. 5
Susan Egner	Dec. 6
Rita Pennington	Dec. 6
Merna Cunningham	Dec. 8
Joann Engert	Dec. 9
Ella Mae Goshen	Dec. 13

Alissa Kantola	Dec. 14
Nancy Chappelle	Dec. 16
Gloria Berndl	Dec. 17
Linda LoBianco	Dec. 19
Diana Sharp	Dec. 19
Linda Brodine	Dec. 21
Connie Kuykendall	Dec. 21
Barbara Urick	Dec. 21
Jean Hed	Dec. 22
Dawn Schultz	Dec. 22
Beth Hoffman	Dec. 23
Carol Marlovits	Dec. 23
Carol Crow	Dec. 26
Donna Eisman	Dec. 26
Judy Scheppach	Dec. 28
Nancy Cleckner	Dec. 30
Mary Chin	Jan. 1
Martha Lauger	Jan. 1
Marla Margelewski	Jan. 1
Jane Phillips	Jan. 1
Sarah Martin	Jan. 4
Kari Grece	Jan. 6
Judi Werkema	Jan. 12
Lori Smalarz	Jan. 17
Ellen Bellantoni	Jan. 18
Jo Fritter	Jan. 19
Marcia Cameron	Jan. 20
Chris Wiseman	Jan. 22
Karen Kennedy	Jan. 23
Chris Schwarz	Jan. 23
Diane Evinger	Jan. 24
Marion Schlindwein	Jan. 24
Angelika Brinkmann-Busi	Jan. 24
Nancy Gambrel	Jan. 27
Barbara Stewart	Jan. 29
Leanne Hurley	Jan. 31

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2014 Quilt Show News

We hope you all enjoyed the unveiling of the **2014 Raffle Quilt!** Many thanks to Caron Carlson and her crew of helpers who made this quilt a beautiful reality!

Now, we are ready to show the quilt at shows and Guild Meetings around our area. We have all the volunteers needed for the Sew Expo next week at Tinley Park. But there are more opportunities coming up. Please contact Barb Gillespie, or Jan, Chris, or Leslie to volunteer.

The **Quilt Show Table** at the Guild Meetings is the place for all things Quilt Show-related. All donations are accepted there, raffle tickets for the quilt are sold there, and sign-ups for raffle baskets are there, too.

Raffle Baskets sponsors are wanted – can your bee sponsor a basket? Teresa and Kathy have a list of ideas for you to select from. We still need volunteers, so please discuss at your next bee meeting.

Bookmarks and Quilt Stores We will start sign-ups for **Quilt Store Angels**. An Angel will keep checking that their store has sufficient bookmarks and will place the quilt show sign there too. Also, if you have extra bookmarks, please bring them back to the November Guild meetings. We will have the Quilt Store Angels distribute them.

Don't forget to bring your fabric scraps and

books/magazines/patterns to the November Guild Meetings. Get them all out of your home now, to make room for more scraps that you'll make as you prepare holiday gifts :)

We are still collecting tissue holders. We want to be sure to have enough to give to every visitor to our show. Bring them in for the November meetings.

And a **reminder**: the PSQG web site 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!

Have a wonderful holiday, and make a few "gifts" for the Boutique, too.

Thanks for your support of the Show!

Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel



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. 25, 7:00 p.m.

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

January Meetings

Board Meeting: Tues. Jan. 7, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Guild: Mon. Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m.

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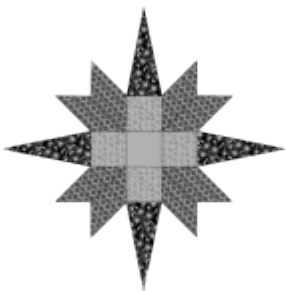
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