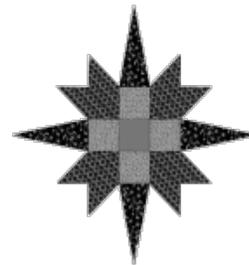


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## From the Evening VP

As we are all anxiously waiting for the first signs of spring outside, wasn't it balm for our winter-weary souls to have our February speaker, local gal Jane Sassaman, bring us a breath of spring indoors with her colorful, garden-influenced fabric designs and quilts?!

Sharron has a few more terrific speakers lined up for the rest of her Programs tour of duty. In March, we welcome Diane Rode Schneck to hear her "Confessions of a Phabric Phantom," and then in April, in combination with our annual joint business meeting, we have Philippa Naylor coming to us all the way from the UK via a stopover in Paducah. We end up the guild year at our May 19<sup>th</sup> banquet with the delightfully funny Ami Simms. I've had the privilege of taking classes from Philippa at IQF Chicago, as well as hearing Ami give her talk in the past, and I know you're going to enjoy them both. Ami is a hoot and a half, and will have us laughing over our desserts for sure, so you don't want to miss the banquet at Villa Olivia. Sign-up for the banquet opens at the March guild meetings, so be sure to bring your checkbook or cash. Further details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

During February's show'n'tell, Barb Vlack shared a few hints of things to come during her upcoming Program year about the colorful quilt bingo game she has planned for the July picnic, plus a tidbit about Jan Krenz, 2015 PSQG banquet speaker, being a likely design source for the 2014 Winter Olympics patchwork banners in Sochi, Russia. It's a small and wonderful quilty world!

Membership is distributing colorful new PSQG pins to members at guild meetings. If you missed February's meeting, you can pick up your pin at the next meeting you attend. *Cont'd*

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## PSQG March 2014

Our guild quilt show is now only about 6 months away – yikes! Key items to focus on -- besides finishing your own quilts to display, of course-- are selling raffle quilt tickets (photo on our website) and making items to sell at the boutique.

Happy stitching!

*Beth Hoffman*  
Evening VP

## Upcoming Programs

### March: Confessions of a Phabric Phantom

Hmmm.... Does that sound interesting to you? Well, if you like fabric – and who doesn't – you will love **Diane Rode Schnecks'** lecture this month. Diane is a regular at City Quilter, the leading quilt store in New York City. She is probably one of the most versatile quilters I know. From traditional to modern art quilts, Diane does it all. Her Dear Jane quilt that she designed for the raffle quilt for the Empire State Quilt Guild has been in many magazines across the U.S. Here is Pat Sloan's interview for *American Patchwork and Quilting* with Diane and her friend Judy– click below and choose the 9/13/11 show and listen in: <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/magazines-more/quilting-podcast>

**Diane's Monday class** is a current hot topic among quilters- **Back Basting Applique!** This great technique will change your mind about "applique" being a dirty 8 letter word.



**Tuesday's half day class** will show us **Tips and Tricks** for those of you who enjoy the Dear Jane Quilt. With over a dozen or more years of teaching this fabulous quilt, Diane knows some of the in's and out's of those wonderful 4 1/2" blocks. Not a Dear Janiac? Well think about this... if these tricks work well for those tiny blocks, imagine how useful they would be on any quilt block you're working on!



So come and play with Diane in class on Monday, and stay for the lecture that evening. Or perhaps you'll come and enjoy the lecture on Tuesday and stay for the class in the afternoon? Either way, we all will enjoy this friendly quilt-a-holic with whom we can all relate!

### April: Philippa Naylor



And next month it's Philippa Naylor. Since April is our month for our annual business meeting, we will **only be having one meeting and it will be the Monday evening.** That means, Philippa will be lecturing only one night. So bring yourself and maybe a quilting buddy or two and listen to this fascinating Brit.\* Her quilts tour the world.

But her best feature is a smile that is as warming as the Sahara. There are only a few spaces left in her classes. Whether it's the Machine Quilting, Precision Piecing or her Finishing Techniques class, we will all learn from this patient expert.



**Attention** – Since the church is unavailable to us on Wednesdays, the Finishing Technique class will be held at the Country Inn Suites in Geneva. (1555 East Fabyan Parkway).

Remember – for any of the classes, shoot me an email at: [Sharron@countonevans.com](mailto:Sharron@countonevans.com) or call me at my office at 630-510-0415. (Note: I am a tax accountant so if I don't answer my own phone, please let my staff know what you need and I will take care of it! Promise.)

**\*NOTE:** A slightly higher visitor fee of \$15 will apply for Philippa's lecture.

*Sharron Evans, Program VP*

## Upcoming Programs for June and July, 2014

### June: Judy Coates Perez

**Judy Coates Perez** will be our guest speaker and workshop teacher in **June**. Her blog at [www.judycoatesperez.com](http://www.judycoatesperez.com) offers eye candy of the most fabulous art quilt pieces she has designed. She is a frequent contributor to the Quilting Arts magazine. She will be lecturing and giving a trunk show about her designs and

her growth as an art quilter. She is internationally known for her work and has just returned from a teaching tour in Australia. Her workshop information will be more detailed next month, but you will be tempted if you ever wanted to learn something about using acrylic inks to enhance your quilts. She will teach 10 techniques for using acrylic inks in a day-and-a-half workshop. It's an introductory class, so there is no experience as a trained artist necessary! **Workshop registration will begin at the March meetings.**

### July: Annual Picnic – with BINGO!

In **July** our annual guild picnic will feature fabulous food, some show and tell, and a fun game. You'll have to do some preparation to have your Fabric Bingo card ready to go. This game was described in Fons' and Porter's *Love of Quilting* magazine in October, 2006. Instructions are reprinted here with permission and will be available as a handout at the guild meetings. Get together with your quilting friends to strip piece 2 ½" squares in prescribed colors (red, pink/purple, green, blue and yellow with **one black square in the middle**. The left-to-right order of the columns of colors doesn't matter as long as the single black square is in the center of the card... **If you make cards as a group, be sure no two cards are alike! Mix the placement of the fabrics in the color column.** We'll be calling out identifications of the fabric types by color and you can play with buttons marking the squares. Later, we can use these colorful blocks for a charity project! Everyone will win. There will be prizes. Stay tuned for more information.

*Barb Vlack, incoming Program VP*

## May Banquet

### Save the Date!

**Who:** All PSQG members (and guests)

**What:** Annual PSQG Banquet

## PSQG March 2014

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**Where:** Villa Olivia (last year's location)

**When:** Monday, May 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Why:** To have good food, enjoy the company of fellow quilters, and enjoy a simply awesome program

**How:** Buy tickets at the March or April guild meeting

Menus will be available at the guild meetings and in the April newsletter. We'll be collecting canned/boxed food again for the Northern Illinois Food Pantry. And we'll have several surprise drawings for those who contribute.

*Susan Strasser*

## Community Projects

Thank you to these members who turned in finished quilts this month: Barb Bullock, Myrna Cunningham, Lois Larson, Susan Carr, Georgia Rodney, and Chris Schwarz. A big thank you also goes out to Nancy Gambrel for all the quilt kits she made.

Community quilts can be any size as CASA serves babies through teens. You may use our kits or are welcome to use your own stash. The fleece pet pads for Comfort for Critters should be 18-20 inches.

*Nancy Aho and Pat Noonan*

## 2014-2015 Nominations

On behalf of this year's nominating Committee, I am pleased to submit the following slate of nominees for Prairie Star Quilters Guild's Executive Board and Board of Directors for 2014-2015. Elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting on April 28, 2014.

## Executive Board Nominations

President                                      Joyce Jaksa  
Programs Vice President      Barbara Vlack

Evening Vice President      Beth Hoffman  
Daytime Vice President      Gail Myers  
Secretary                                      Susan Wing  
Treasurer                                      Lynn Murphy

## Board Nominations

Membership                                      Teresa Kasch\*  
                                                            Chris Berry \*  
                                                            Juanita Brook \*  
Newsletter                                      Becky Hall  
Education                                      Barbara Stewart \*  
                                                            Edith Hubbard \*  
Public Relations                                      Sandy Andrews  
Nominations                                      Ginny Wright  
Activities                                      Susan Strasser \*  
                                                            Mary Stewart \*  
Bee Keeper                                      Cindy Krelle  
Community Projects                                      Nancy Aho \*  
                                                            Pat Noonan \*  
Library                                      Liz Fitzgerald \*  
                                                            Janet Miller\*  
Contracts 2014-2015                                      Joanne Sattler\*  
                                                            Quilting Contessas\*  
Quilt Show Chair 2014                                      Jan Sharpless  
Quilt Show Co-Chairs 2014                                      Chris Schwartz\*  
                                                            Leslie Nyckel \*

\* Indicates Co-Chairs

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara Stewart*  
*Chair, 2013-2014 Nominating Committee*



## WELCOME TO PSQG!

Please welcome the following new member to our Guild:

Beth Allendoerfer – AM Chapter

Erica Barrett – AM Chapter

Annie Belcher – AM Chapter

Diane Kelsey – AM Chapter

Mary Ryan – AM Chapter

Kathy Steere – Returning Member – AM Chapter

## Membership

Your Membership Co-Chairs are so pleased to announce that our guild continues to grow and we are now 262 members strong!

Many of you picked up your new guild pins at the February meetings. We hope that you will wear them with pride. They work so well in that hole in your Prairie Star name badge or on any other name badge that you have. If you don't have one of the plastic name badges and would like one, please let one of us know and we will be glad to order one for you. The cost is \$11.00.

If you were not at the February Guild Meetings, we will have the pins at the March meetings and beyond. Remember, you have to sign for the pin so we can only give them out to those in attendance.

Once again, we would like to remind you to wear a name badge of some kind. Although many of us know each other, as the guild grows there are many members still to meet. A name badge is so helpful in that way.

A special reminder to new members – please wear your New Member Ribbon to the guild meetings. We are so happy you have joined us!

Joyce Jaksa ([jsjaks@gmail.com](mailto:jsjaks@gmail.com)) and Susan Cook ([susanc153@gmail.com](mailto:susanc153@gmail.com))

## Education: Microwave Potholder

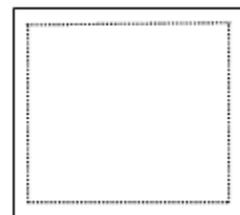
Taking a hot dish out of the microwave often results in spills and burnt fingers. Try making a microwave potholder.



### Supplies:

- ❖ 2 10" fabric squares
- ❖ 10" square of cotton batting (**make sure it is 100% cotton**)

Layer the fabric right sides together with the cotton batting against the wrong side of one of the pieces. Stitch **almost** all the way around leaving an edge open for turning. Turn and stitch the opening closed. At this point you can top stitch all around the edge and quilt the square as desired.



In order to give the potholder a bowl shape, take a ½" tuck in the middle of each of the sides and stitch the tuck down.



Place your bowl in the middle of the pot holder when you place it into the microwave. The holder will curve up the sides of the bowl providing you with a protected surface to hold on to when you remove the bowl from the oven.

Yvonne Richter  
Education Committee



## News from the Beehive

Our members are buzzing about a possible new bee; a Modern quilt Bee. We have members interested in both a daytime and an evening bee so email me if you want to join in the fun.

We do have space in the Scrap Hunter Bee, the Needle Turn Bee, and a few others.

To all the contact persons of existing Bees, please let me know whether a bee is no longer in existence, whether there is a new contact person, or if you have room for any new members. I would like to have the list of bees updated for the new beekeeper in June. Just shoot me an email. Thanks!!!

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

### Newsletter Info

Deadline for the next newsletter: April 3, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Becky Hall, Editor

[beckyh@rchconsulting.com](mailto:beckyh@rchconsulting.com)

# Expressions in Threads

208 South Cody Road, LeClaire, IA - (563) 289-1447

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Grand Re-opening Event

**Wednesday, April 2 through Saturday, April 12**

**10 DAYS of SAVINGS**

Fabrics – Notions - Janome Machines – Patterns – Thread – Batting  
Stabilizers – Interfacing - Fusibles – Templates

Check our Website for Details: [www.expressionsinthreads.com](http://www.expressionsinthreads.com)

**April 5 – Special Event**

Lecture/Demo/Trunk Show for the new Janome 15000

Presented by a Janome Educator

Sessions at 10:30 and 1:30 Reservations Required Cost: \$5

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY To—**



Kay Brynelsen	April 2
Gwyneth Johnsen	April 2
Kay Nolan	April 2
Jennie Roy	April 3
Emilie Pollman	April 8
Donna Fowler	April 11
Margery Karlovsky	April 11
Sandra Bils	April 13
Sue Pawlowski	April 13
Linda Harlson	April 16
Sharon Terpstra	April 19
Lorraine Trittharot	April 24
Jayne Hested	April 26
Deanne Karamanian	April 26
Elvira Illig	April 27
Jan Karnstedt	April 28
Esther McMinn	April 29
Lynn Murphy	April 29

**2014 Quilt Show**

Ready? Set? GO!

A **big** focus at our March Guild Meetings will be to have members volunteer to work at the **June International Quilt Festival at the Stephens Convention Center**. The quilt festival will be held Thursday to Saturday, June 19 to 21.

Every day that we want to show our raffle quilt and sell tickets, we must provide **10 volunteers for 2-hour work shifts** to help at the show, **in addition to our raffle ticket sellers** at our booth. And all the volunteers will **receive free admission** to the show!

Our goal is to show our quilt for 2 days at the show: Thursday and Friday!!

We will have sign-up sheets at the March guild meetings for show volunteers. We must have 10 volunteer commitments for Thursday and 10 for Friday. And we will also have sign-ups for selling the raffle tickets.

We were able to show our quilt at the 2010 International Quilt Show for a day, and that was the largest single sales day for our raffle quilt.

**So please come with your calendars in hand, and a group of friends, ready to volunteer!!!**

And don't forget your boutique donations, scraps and magazines!!

Thanks!

*Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel*

**From outside the Guild**

***7th Annual All Around the House Quilt Show and Quilters Barn Sale***

Presented by the Bensenville Park District.

When: March 29 & 30  
Sat. & Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Fischer Farm  
16W680 Old Grand Avenue  
Bensenville, IL

More info: [www.bensenvilleparkdistrict.org](http://www.bensenvilleparkdistrict.org)



Another Philippa Naylor quilt!

## 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.

### March Meetings

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

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

### April Meetings

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

JOINT Guild: Mon. April 28, 7:00 p.m.

Our annual business meeting, followed by Philippa Naylor!

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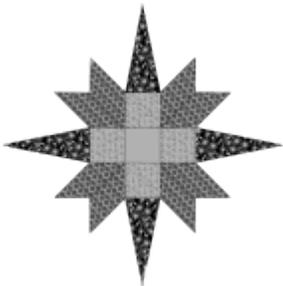
1/4 page \$20/issue

1/2 page \$40/issue

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