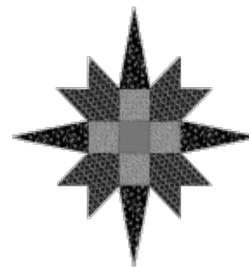


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From the President

I have seen robins, I can see the grass (though it is still soggy and brown) and the Annual Meeting is just a few weeks away so...regardless of the outdoor temperature...it must be Spring! And speaking of the annual meeting while I know that you all usually come just to see me recount the glories of the Guild's previous 12 months, this year, I have a feeling you will also be coming to see our speaker, Philippa Naylor. Granted, she's coming all the way from England (I'm just coming from Batavia) so I suppose she gets bragging rights, and she is sure to be a wonderful and entertaining speaker. This is also the meeting where Barb Vlack, 2014-2015 Program Chair, will reveal her line up of speakers for the coming year. I've gotten a sneak peak and it's going to be a fabulous year! Remember there is no Tuesday morning meeting in April so I'll expect to see you ALL there!

And, because it's spring, that means it's nearly time for our Banquet on Monday, May 19 which features the fabulous Ami Simms! I love the banquet. It's a great time for all of us to dress up a little, let someone else do the cooking, for once, and enjoy a nationally known speaker. More on this later in the newsletter.

Finally, this annual meeting unofficially draws my tenure as President of the guild to a close. It has been an exciting three years of experiences, and it has truly been an honor to lead this wonderful group. The new Guild board will be introduced at the April meeting, and I'm sure they will continue to guide this creative organization for many years to come.

As Bob Hope always said, Thanks for the Memories!

Bonita Deering
Guild President

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Upcoming Programs

April: Philippa Naylor

By the time you are reading this, I am hoping you are enjoying a wonderful spring day. Sigh, it sure has been a very loooooonnnnnnggggggg winter. But now we have sunshine and great guests to look forward to.

This month we welcome Philippa Naylor! And what a sweetheart she is. **Her lecture (remember it's only Monday evening) is "10,000 miles"**. She'll tell us her tail of travel and stitching. We have her for three full days' worth of classes

- ❖ Monday – **Free Motion Quilting**
- ❖ Tuesday – **Precision Piecing** – having trouble with your points meeting? Sizing issues? Philippa will guide you through these obstacles towards perfection!
- ❖ Wednesday – **Finishing Touches** – from piped to pieced bindings and more, these techniques will make your quilts stand out from the ordinary!

The workshops are full or almost full. Email me (Sharron@countonevans.com) if you are interested in any classes as I have a couple spots on Tuesday and Wednesday classes.

May: Ami Simms

Next up – our guild Banquet! Our guest speaker for this evening is Ms. Ami Simms. If you haven't heard Ami speak before you have to be ready for a good laugh! Check out her website for a sneak peek of her talents and humor: www.amisimms.net.

For the **Monday workshop** we will be bowling – fabric bowling that is.



For **Tuesday** we have **two classes**. In the morning we will be exploring **invisible applique**, and in the afternoon we will be honing our quilting design with **fabulous feathers**.



So if you are interested in any of the classes shoot me an email at Sharron@countonevans.com and I will take care of you.

See you all soon

Sharron Evans, 2013-2014 Program VP

June: Judy Coates Perez

Judy Coates Perez will be our guest speaker and workshop teacher in **June**. Her blog at 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. The evening lecture will be, "It's All in the Process." The morning lecture will be, "Inspiration: Where Does It Come From?" Her presentation will be a trunk show of some of the most delicious eye candy!

June Workshop: "Tea and Ephemera;" June 23rd and 24th

Note: The workshop is a full day-and-a-half.

There will be just one workshop with Judy Coates Perez in June, and it will be a day-and-a-half. In the class, "Tea and Ephemera," students will be using textile paint, printed paper vintage imagery, thermofax screens,

colored pencils, rubber stamps, paint sticks, tea bags and more to learn multiple mixed media techniques while creating a mixed fabric collage that you can stitch or quilt. This will be an exciting and fun workshop for those who want to learn something new about mixed media fiber art. You'll be learning from an expert whose award-winning work is a treasure. In the day-and-a-half workshop, you'll create your collage and actually get to do some stitching on it during the second day.

Cost: \$70 class fee plus \$25 materials fee.

Days and times: The workshop will be on **Monday, June 23rd**, from 9:00 to 4:00 **and Tuesday, June 24th**, from 1:00 to 4:00.

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Class spaces are filling up, so be sure to register soon. This class will be made available to non-members after our May banquet. Register at the April annual business meeting (remember, only one meeting that month – in the evening) or contact Barb Vlack.

July: All-Guild Picnic on the 28th

We will be playing a game after we eat. Quilt Block Bingo is a little different from Quilt-0, which we have played at a previous picnic and a retreat. For Quilt Block Bingo, you must SEW your playing card out of different fabrics that meet a prescribed color and category. For example, look for a yellow batik, a yellow novelty, a yellow stripe, a yellow 30s print, and a yellow holiday print. Sew these together for a single column of the playing card. Do the same with red, blue, green, and purple/pink. Put a black square in the center of the card as the free space. There are detailed instructions on the PSQG web site and as handouts at the next meetings. Blocks will be donated after the game for a guild charity project. Do feel free to make more than one block --- just be sure each block is different as to fabric placement.

August: Nancy Mahoney

Nancy Mahoney is a prolific quilt designer and maker and a talented teacher and lecturer. We're lucky to reserve a place in her busy schedule of teaching all over the country for guilds and conferences. You may find her quilt designs in one of your quilt magazines – she appears in many! She takes inspiration from traditional quilts and ranges from Civil War reproductions to 30s to batiks to modern. Her lecture for both meetings is "Two Block Wonders," in which she showcases how to combine two blocks to make fabulous quilts. You'll love her trunk show. Look at what she presents about herself and her work at her website: www.nancymahoney.com.

August Workshops

Monday: "Dancing Dots"

Nancy loves making traditional quilts - with a new twist. In this class, Nancy will share her machine appliqué techniques using plastic templates and spray starch for flawless appliqué results. Class will encompass all aspects of invisible machine appliqué including template and pattern piece preparation, tips for laying out perfectly placed designs, and step-by-step instruction for using your sewing machine to achieve finished appliqués that truly look hand stitched. Quilt shown in *American Patchwork & Quilting*, June 2010. Pattern included for each student. Finished size: 69" x 79". Based on *Simple Circles and Quick Curves* book.

The "Dancing Dots" workshop will be **Monday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Education Hall (where we hold our meetings). The cost is **\$40.00** and there is a supply list that you may pick up when you register in person or download from the PSQG website. **Note:** There is **some preliminary sewing to do before class**, so don't wait until the last minute to register!

Tuesday: "Bloomin' Propellers"

In this fun class, Nancy will show you how to make your quilts jump off the page with this whimsical wall hanging. Class will encompass all aspects of starch appliqué techniques, including template and pattern piece preparation, tips for laying out designs, and step-by-step instruction for using your sewing machine to achieve finished appliqués that truly look hand stitched. The clever use of rick rack adds dimension to this block from the 1930s. The new techniques you'll learn will become part of your quilt design repertoire. Featured in *Quilter's Newsletter* magazine, April/May 2011 - Easy Lessons. Pattern included for each student. Quilt size: 32" x 32".

The "Bloomin' Propellers" workshop will be **Tuesday, August 26th from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church/ Cost is **\$25.00** and there is a supply list that you may pick up when you register in person or download from the PSQG website. This class will be made available to non-members after our July meeting. Registration will be available at the April 28th annual business meeting or contact Barb Vlack.

Barb Vlack, 2014-2015 Program VP

Activities

Banquet May 19, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Villa Olivia, Bartlett, IL

Price: \$35

Don't miss this lovely annual event, this year with speaker Ami Sims! You may sign up at the April meeting or by sending your check and choice of menu item to Mary Stewart, 27W240 Waterford, Winfield, IL 60190. Menu choices are Chicken Roselo, London Broil, or Pasta Primavera. Special dietary requests (gluten free, dairy free, etc. can be accommodated if we know in advance). We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Northern

Illinois Food Bank; for every five items contributed, you will receive a raffle ticket. The raffle prize is a one-year paid membership to PSQG!

Summer Picnic: July 28; 6:00 p.m.

Location: Congregational United Church of Christ, Campton Hills

And after you finish enjoying a meal with fellow quilters at the Banquet, start anticipating another annual food and fellowship event: our Guild picnic on July 28th. After we dine on sumptuous salads and desserts, we'll be playing Quilt Block Bingo. Stay tuned for further information at upcoming guild meetings and in our newsletter (but put the date on your calendars now so you won't miss it).

Susan Strasser, Activities

Downsizing Sale

After 40 years of quilting, rug hooking, needlepoint & other needlecrafts, it's time to downsize. So I'm having a sale!

Please come and bring your friends

Some of the items to be sold: lots of quilting fabric; wool fabric, needlepoint canvases; Crazy Quilting fabrics, many lovely threads & books; ultra-suede; upholstery fabric; Pleasant Mountain quilting frame; lots of notions; quilting, embroidery, knitting books; Bernette Serger Model 234; Singer Featherweight; and much more.

Where: Jill Stolpestad's home, 323 Meadowrue Lane, Batavia.

When: Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2014 Quilt Show

Six and a half months to the Quilt Show in October!! Our April meeting will be **full** of news and program, so here are the reminders about our show...

*****Please Help:** Our quilt will be at the **IOA Chicago Rosemont** show on **Thursday and Saturday, June 19 and 21** so we can sell raffle tickets for the quilt. Please call or email Barb Gillespie, quiltngb1@gmail.com, or see Barb at the April guild meeting!

The "To Do" List:

- ❖ We hope **everyone** will be submitting a **quilt for display**. The entry form is on the website.
- ❖ Calling all **Scraps, Books, and Magazines!** Please donate your unwanted items.
- ❖ Our **"New Quilter" Raffle Basket** must be filled. Please donate **new and gently used** tools, books, and other items that every new quilter needs and wants. This basket was very popular at our 2012 Quilt Show.
- ❖ **Boutique! Boutique! Boutique!** We need aprons, pillowcases, vinyl project bags, table runners, quilt supply organizers, pin cushions, placemats, wall hangings, holiday-themed items, and all other items that quilters can use. Bring your items to the meeting!

Thank you all so much for your continued support!

Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel

Quilt Display Teams Needed

The "stars" of our upcoming quilt show are the wonderful quilts made by all of our members! We are looking for teams to help make the quilt display as beautiful as possible. Each team will consist of 4 members, of which 2 will be designated as captains. Captains will be required to attend a couple of planning

meetings prior to the show. Please consider forming a "team" with your friends from the guild or one of your bees and get ready to help with the quilt show display!

If you have questions about this fabulous volunteer opportunity please contact Edith Hubbard or Lynn Murphy.

Edith Hubbard and Lynn Murphy

Scraps

With our quilt show rapidly approaching, the scraps committee is once again busy sorting scraps. Since Bonnie Hunter showed us how wonderful scrap quilts can be, we suspect that many of you are actually KEEPING your scraps. But, aren't you getting tired of them? Wouldn't you rather donate them to us, let us sort them, let the Guild make money, and buy brand-new different scraps for your sewing pleasure? At the scraps booth this year, in addition to bags of scraps and measured yardage, look for lots of nicely folded fat quarters and fat eighths (at 50¢ and 25¢ each - such a deal)! We'll be collecting scraps at every guild meeting from now on, including the banquet and picnic, so please use these opportunities as a way to clear out your sewing spaces!

Susan Strasser

Community Projects

In March we had 16 quilts turned in for CASA children plus pet pads. It's great to see participation from both established and new members. Those contributing were Nancy Aho, Barb Bullock, Susan Carr, Merna Cunningham, Lynn Fick, Cathy Halfpenny, Elvira Illig, Betty Losselyong, Carol Marlovits, Sue Needham, Pat Noonan, Dixie Riley, Mary Stewart, Barb Tuman, Peggy Twait, and Sally VanWinkle. Thanks to all of you for your support of Community Projects.

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

Education

Here are some more useful tips!

- ❖ Overhead projector sheets (aka transparencies) can be run through your printer to make templates. Vinyl placemats also work well.
- ❖ Try storing small templates in a CD cover **or** put them in sheet protectors then into a binder. The sheet protector can be labeled with the sizes and shapes so you aren’t wasting valuable sewing time looking for them.
- ❖ You can also put pages of quilt patterns into sheet protectors and into a binder – think about doing this with a sampler quilt where you have many pages. Office supply stores can also remove the book binding and turn the pages into a “flip book” for easier photocopying.
- ❖ Small travel size spray bottles are great for carrying your favorite starch alternative when traveling. Think about taking an empty one to use for water at your destination. Bonnie Hunter uses a small hand sanitizer bottle.
- ❖ Bonnie also uses clear surgical tape on the back of her rulers to keep them from slipping and “drawer liner” under her sewing machine to keep it from both traveling and vibrating.

Yvonne Richter, Education

Newsletter Info

Deadline for the next newsletter: May 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Becky Hall, Editor

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Member News

Guild member **Nancy Shiner** has had a quilt accepted into the Traditional Treasures exhibit for IQA! Way to go, Nancy!



WELCOME TO PSQG!

Please welcome the following new member to our Guild:

Dianne Jackman – PM Chapter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To—



Sharron Evans	May 1
Melinda VanDril-Beer	May 1
Debbie Long	May 10
Ruth Marsh	May 10
Lynn Fick	May 11
Judy Gould	May 11
Loraine Miranda	May 11
Kim Sceggel	May 11
Barbara Kreidler	May 12
Cathy Lorenz	May 12
Barbara Gillespie	May 16
Mary Kline	May 16
Caron Carlson	May 18
Gail Maggio	May 18
Lorraine Malecki	May 18
Janet Sitter	May 20
Barb Burdette	May 22
Mary Zenger	May 22
Mary Ryan	May 24
Susie Wing	May 27
Mary Gehrke	May 28
Deborah Trant	May 29
Dorothy Andrews	May 30

From outside the Guild

DePaul Art Museum in Chicago is hosting an exhibit entitled *“From Heart to Hand: African American Quilts from the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.”*

The exhibition will be on view from **April 10 through June 22, 2014**, and includes 23 quilts that span the past 50 years. This exhibition surveys twentieth-century African American artists from the South, restoring their identities and drawing in examples that range from stunning abstract compositions to brilliantly-conceived tributes to cultural icons like Jackie Robinson. This exhibition is organized by the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, Alabama.

More information can be found at <http://museums.depaul.edu>.

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.

April Meeting

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

Our annual business meeting, followed by Philippa Naylor!

May Meeting

Board Meeting: Tues. May 6, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Banquet: Mon. May 19, 6:00 p.m.

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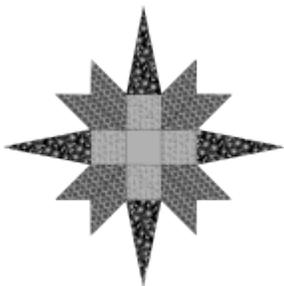
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