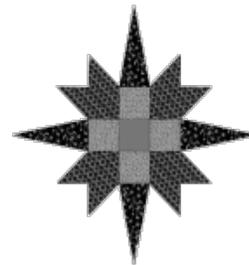


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From the Morning VP

Hi dear friends,

Many of us are planning family events, working in our spring gardens, starting exercise programs (maybe not so much...) and looking forward to more days in the sun. But, also, here in our corner of St. Charles in Illinois, we are celebrating another successful year in Prairie Star Quilt Guild! What was your best memory of the past year? Did you meet someone new? How many Bees have you added to your calendar? Did you learn something new at one of our fantastic programs? Have you volunteered for the upcoming Quilt Show? Did you get involved in some of our numerous activities? So many opportunities to enrich your quilting life all in one place, each month with 250+ quilting friends...how blessed we all are!! Let's make a promise to ourselves and each other to make this new guild year something very special too, by stepping out and partaking in the best guild in the whole world!!

So before we can get the new year started, here are a few reminders of some items still in progress...

Our much anticipated Banquet with Ami Simms is this month!! Did you forget to register? Oops, don't miss it! Please see the Activities section of this newsletter and join us for this wonderful (and very tasty) year-end celebration!! I'll be looking for you!!

Didn't you LOVE Philippa Naylor? So much talent in such a lovely, British accent, thin woman....ugh.

I, along with so many, want to give our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Programs Chair, Sharron Evans, for maneuvering such a fantastic event into our calendar and Philippa's! What a memorable experience for all of us!

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And speaking of Programs, your new Chair for this year, Barb Vlack, is bringing us the very best in all things quilting. Don't miss out, get involved by planning your workshop choices and get set to be inspired!

Quilt Show 2014! We are in the thick of it. This is one of the most enjoyable experiences in our guild life – everyone pulls together (and we need everyone) and puts on a fabulous two-day show showcasing the work of our hands! Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel are steering this ship and they need your help. Please pay special attention to the Quilt Show article in this newsletter. If you're not sure how you can help, shoot an email to Jan or Chris or Leslie...they have lots of ideas.

So grab a cuppa (that's Aussie speak!), find a comfy chair, enjoy the newsletter and all that the best guild in the world has to offer!

Spring Blessings to you,

Teresa Kasch
Outgoing Daytime VP

Upcoming Programs

2013-2014 draws to a close ...

And now my time has come to an end. Hugs to all who cheered me on this year – my quilt angels who I couldn't have done this job without, **and** all of you have shown your appreciation for the wonderful talented speakers I've brought in.

May Banquet: Ami Simms

And so, my swan song is the fabulous Ami Simms (www.amisimms.net). At our guild banquet she will tell us "How not to make a prize winning quilt". Ha-ha! I have a few examples of that myself! Tee-hee.

Ami's scheduled classes are:

Monday: **Fabric Bowling**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m.



Tuesday morning: **Invisible Applique**

9:00 a.m. to noon



Tuesday afternoon: **Freedom to Feather**

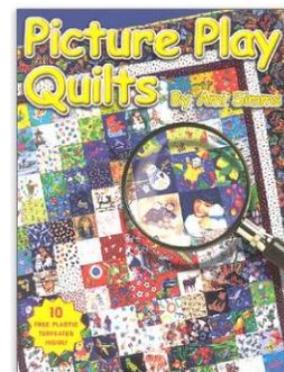
1:00 p.m. to 4:00

p.m.



And a special Deal from Ami

Here's a special surprise offer from her as well: Ami will be bringing along copies of her book *Picture Play*. These books retail for \$25.



The Deal: Ami will be offering these books to our members for only \$10. That's right, only \$10. And as an even better deal – \$5 of that sale will be given **back to our guild!**

How awesome it that!

So I hope to see you guys sign up for her classes and we shall see you all at the banquet!

Happy Quilting,

Sharron Evans, 2013-2014 Program VP

... and 2014-2015 gets started

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 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. Contact Barb Vlack to register.

July: All-Guild Picnic on the 28th

We will be playing a game of Quilt Block Bingo after we eat. You must **sew** your playing card out of different fabrics that meet a prescribed color and category. There are detailed instructions on the PSQG web site (click here: [How-to-make-the-Bingo-card.pdf](#)) 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

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for laying out perfectly placed designs, and step-by-step instruction for using your sewing machine to achieve finished appliques 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 appliques 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.

2014-2015 at a glance

Month	Speaker
June	Judy Coates Perez, from Sacramento, CA www.judycoatesperez.com
July	Picnic - we will play Quilt Fabric Bingo
August	Nancy Mahoney, from Sparta Georgia http://nancymahoney.com/
September	Sue Garman from Houston, TX www.comequilt.com
October	post show
January	Lynn Schmitt from Wheaton www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com
February	Mickey Depre from Oak Lawn www.mdquilts.com
March	Sue Spargo from Uniontown, OH www.suespargo.com
April	In house demos after the Annual Meeting
May	Banquet speaker: Jan Krentz from San Diego, CA www.jankrentz.com

Barb Vlack, 2014-2015 Program VP

Activities

Banquet May 19, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Villa Olivia, Bartlett, IL
Price: \$35

If you haven't already purchased tickets for this enjoyable annual event, consider this your last call! If you still need a ticket, please send your check for \$35, made out to PSQG, to Mary Stewart, 27W240 Waterford, Winfield, IL 60190. Include a note telling us what menu item you want (Chicken Roselo, London Broil, or Pasta Primavera) and who you'd like to sit with. (Special dietary restrictions can be accommodated if we know in advance. We'll again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. And as an added incentive for donations, for every five

items you bring, we'll give you a raffle ticket. The raffle prize is a one-year paid membership to PSQG. Such a deal! And for dessert, we'll be enjoying a presentation by the fun and funny Ami Simms! We hope we'll see you all there!

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

Location: Congregational United Church of Christ, Campton Hills

You'll hear more about this event in June, but make sure it is on your calendar so you won't miss it. You'll furnish your tableware, cutlery, and a dish to pass (those with last names beginning with A through P should bring salads; Q through Z should bring desserts). We'll furnish beverages (tea, lemonade, water, and coffee) and a fun event for after dinner!

Susan Strasser and Mary Stewart, Activities

News from the Beehive

In my two years as Beekeeper I have started five new bees and placed about 22 members into existing Bees. What a joy to see new Bees formed and everyone buzzing around their hive.

There are still spaces in current general Bees or specific Bees (Hand Quilting, Dear Jane, Scrap Hunters, and Appliqué). We are working on a daytime or evening Modern Bee and a daytime long arm bee so please call me, or email me if you are interested, day and time TBA. We only need new 2 or 3 more people.

See you at the banquet!

Ginny Wright-Beekeeper
630-513-1418, Ginny.wright@comcast.net



2014 Quilt Show

From the Committee

There are **two important items** this month!!

The Boutique

We **need donations!!**

We would like aprons, small zippered or snap bags, coasters, game bags (like tic-tac-toe), hot pads and trivets, "I Spy" pillows, tooth fairy pillows, pillowcases for children and adults, larger-sized pincushions, purses (both fabric and felted), scissors cases, sewing cases, tablet covers, thread catchers, tote bags, and bibs! We all love to purchase gifts at the Boutique, and we need lots more items to sell. Use your imagination too and donate other gift items.

Rosemont IQA Quilt Show June 19-21

We need volunteers! **Please help!**

We still need 9 volunteers to cover Friday and Saturday, to help with the show. And you get **FREE ADMISSION!**

We also still need 9 volunteers to sell **raffle tickets** on Friday and Saturday!!

Please call or email Barb Gillespie at 847-253-2272 or quiltingb1@gmail.com

Thank you for your help.

Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel

Wanted: Quilt Show Shop Angels

We are looking for Quilt Show Shop Angels! If you would like help the Quilt Show Committee by being a Shop Angel, please contact me (Sandy Andrews) at sandraandrews@comcast.net or at the May banquet. The job only requires that you supply quilt shops, senior residences, libraries, etc., with a window poster and bookmarks announcing our October Quilt Show.

If you already signed up to be a Shop Angel, please see me at the May Banquet to receive your supply of bookmarks and window posters.

Sandy Andrews, PSQG Quilt Show Publicity

Membership

Finally, it looks like spring has arrived after a snowy and cold winter. For PSQG members, spring means two things. First, our wonderful Banquet is in a couple of weeks and, secondly, it is time to renew your membership to the best Guild in the area for 2014-2015. The Membership Committee will have a table at the Banquet so plan on renewing your membership at that time. You can download the Membership Renewal form from the website at www.psqg.org.

We have enjoyed being your Membership Co-Chairs this past year and would like to now welcome the Membership Chairs for 2014-2015: Chris Berry, Juanita Brook and Teresa Kasch.

Happy Quilting,

Susan Cook & Joyce Jaksa

Education

You measure and measure your ¼" seam allowance and sew as carefully as can be yet your strips or blocks don't end up as wide as they should be? Maybe the problem is with your cutting. Philippa Naylor recommends including the width of the line on your ruler in

your cutting measurement rather than trying to center the line. This gives you that added couple of threads that are taken up when you press the seams.

As you cut fabric further away from you, rulers wobble and the cutting lines don't end up straight. There are a couple of relatively new products out there which may help solve some of the problems:

- ❖ One is called the Quilters Slidelock www.quiltersslidelock.com. It has a vertical wood handle and spring loaded grips every 2 ¼" which allows pressure to be applied more evenly over the length of the plastic. There is even a model with built-in lights to focus more light at the cutting edge.
- ❖ Another product is available through <http://truecut.graceframe.com>. These rulers have a lip that fits a guide on the edge of the cutter so they cannot slip relative to each other. You will need a new rotary cutter to take advantage of lip on the ruler. Rather than a solid piece of plastic, these rulers have openings for marking fabric in many places rather than just at the start and end.

Yvonne Richter, Education

Coming up at the Education Table

Edith and I want to let you know what we plan for the Education Table for the next three months.

For **June** Cindy Krelle will inform us how we should prepare our backing for our quilts before giving the quilts to the long arm quilter.

In **August** Edith will tell us about label for our quilts. There are so many types of labels, fancy labels, informative labels, and just plain labels.

And in **September** Ginny Wright will give us information for the sleeves for our quilts for the Quilt Show.

All of this information **will help us prepare for the October Quilt Show**. So please stop by our Education Table at the June, August, and September Quilt Guild Meetings.

Edith Hubbard & Barb Stewart
Education Coordinators



WELCOME TO PSQG!

Please welcome the following new member to our Guild:

Diane Hubberts

Newsletter Info

Deadline for the next newsletter: June 5, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Becky Hall, Editor

beckyh@rchconsulting.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To—



Kathy Pool	June 3
Pat Walsh	June 3
Pat Schnell	June 4
LeeAnn Dhooghe	June 7
Kay Frank	June 7
Joyce Schultz	June 7
Cathy Halfpenny	June 9

Beth Allendoerfer	June 10
Liz Coleman	June 12
Kathy Jayko	June 14
Betty Losselyong	June 18
Linda Hayes	June 19
Valerie Langué	June 20
Jacque Archambeau	June 21
Vi Kiebert	June 21
Anne Wray	June 21
Susan Strasser	June 23
Ute Murrin	June 25
Maggie Alvarado	June 26
Louette Butwell	June 26
Barb Truman	June 27
Diane Carney	June 28
Ginny Wright	June 28
Kay Duy	June 30

Member News

Carolyn Mack has a quilt selected for inclusion in the special exhibit Traditional Treasures 2014 at the International Quilt Festival in Chicago!



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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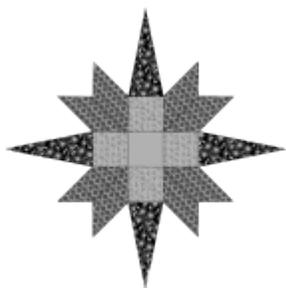
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