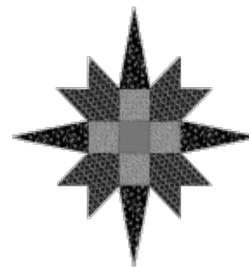


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From the President

As we enter the Guild's New Year, I would like to note how excited and proud I am to be the Guild's President. Bonita, thank you for all you have done the past three years as President. Your dedication and hard work has been appreciated.

As we begin the New Year, there are so many exciting things coming up for us to look forward to. Barb Vlack, Programs VP, has an amazing line-up of speakers and workshops. I don't know which speaker I am most excited to hear or learn from. Our July picnic will have the best food from the greatest chefs in the area and isn't it always fun to just sit and visit with all of our quilting friends. Barb Vlack and the Activities Committee are sure to have some surprises for us so don't forget your Bingo cards. Our Prairie Treasurers Show, in October, is always an exciting time for us and this year's show will no doubt be even more exciting.

At this time, I am going to keep this note short as Jan Sharpless, Show Chair, has Show updates for all of us.

And, please remember to renew your membership at June's Chapter meetings so you don't miss out on any of wonderful events this year.

Happy Quilting,

Joyce Jaksa, President

From the Quilt Show Chair

Hi everyone! **Finally** summer is here! Seems like winter lasted until about May 16th (wasn't that the last time it snowed??), and boom! It's summer, with humidity and hot temps. I think we had a total of 6 spring days, maybe? *Cont'd*

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PSQG June 2014

But when you are the Quilt Show Chair, the summer of 2014 means just one thing: it will be fall before we know it! Yes, this is one summer that will be way toooo short for me!! Fall means the 2014 Quilt Show **October 17th-18th!**

And we can use some help from our members to totally prepare for the Show. In between the vacations, picnics, gardening, and walking outside in the warm evenings, there are several things you can do to help out...

Our new bookmarks, describing our Show plus the calendar of events and speakers for the next 12 months will be available at the June 23-24 Guild Meetings. The bookmarks need to be distributed to the local quilt shops. So "Calling All Quilt Shop Angels!" Please pick up your bookmarks and take that trip to your quilt shop. We do have several quilt shops which do not have angels, and this is excellent weather to invite a few friends to ride along, and visit a new quilt shop and deliver the bookmarks and store sign.

I don't know about you, but starting in October, I get some Holiday-anxiety. What will I get my aunt and my neighbor? How about all those sisters that my husband has?? It is a lot easier for me to take care of some of the shopping when it's a Quilt Show year. The boutique always has delightful items that meet my needs for gift-giving, and maybe a few items for me. But, we need more donations for this year's Show Boutique!! See the Quilt Show article later in this newsletter for specific ideas!! And set aside some time, either by yourself or with some Bee-buddies, and make some items for the Boutique.

Scraps, scraps, and more scraps! Can you believe that we have not contributed as many scraps as we did in 2012?? This is a good time to sort through some of those boxes and shelves way in the back of your fabric trove, and pull out some pieces that seemed perfect

years ago, but now you look at that fabric and wonder "why did I buy this?"

And of course finish up the quilts you plan to display at the Show. **Remember our goal: to have as many members as possible show at least one quilt. Beginners and experts alike!** Plus if you would like to get some good feedback, enter a quilt in the Judged portion of the Show.

By the time you see this newsletter, we will have about four more months until the Quilt Show!

See you at the Guild Meetings, by the Quilt Show table, for Raffle Tickets and donating Boutique items, scraps, books, and volunteer Sign-Ups.

Thank you so much for your help!

Jan, Chris and Leslie

Membership: Dues are due

Happy New Year and **welcome** to the 2014-2015 guild year! All members (current and new) are required to fill out a membership form and pay dues of \$35, with an additional \$15 for those who desire the newsletter by mail (rather than by email). You can get this done quickly by doing one of the following:

- Download the Membership Form from our guild website, www.psqg.org, complete the form and either drop it off at a chapter meeting or mail it to Chris Berry at 470 N. Cambridge Drive, Geneva, IL 60134 along with your check to Prairie Star Quilt Guild (or PSQG).
- Complete a Membership Form (pick up at the Membership table as you check in) at your chapter meeting and turn in at the Membership table along with your check.

The guild appreciates your promptness in completing this form and paying your dues so to avoid problems at a future meeting.

We look forward to welcoming back all our members and especially greeting new members as we get ready for a year of 11 inspirational, informative and exciting meetings with our quilting guild family!

*Chris Berry, Juanita Brook and Teresa Kasch,
Membership*

Newsletter Info

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

Becky Hall, Editor

beckyh@rchconsulting.com

Programs and Workshops

June 23 and 24: Judy Coates Perez

Judy Coates Perez will be our guest speaker and workshop teacher. 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 designing process and 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 Monday AND Tuesday:
Monday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tea and Ephemera \$70 class fee plus \$25
materials fee, supply list available**

There will be just one workshop with Judy Coates Perez in June, and it will be a day-and-a-half. 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.

There are still spaces available in this workshop! To register, contact Barb Vlack at barb@barbvlack.com NOW!

July: All-Guild Picnic on the 28th

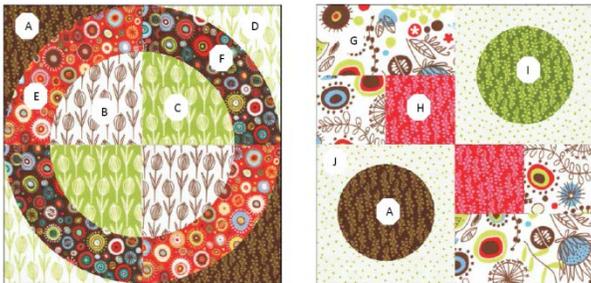
We will be playing a game of Quilt Block Bingo after we eat. You must **sew** your playing card out of different fabrics that meet a prescribed color and category. There are detailed instructions on the PSQG web site (click here: [How-to-make-the-Bingo-card.pdf](#)) Blocks will be donated after the game 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 25 and 26: 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.

**Monday workshop 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.:
Dancing Dots, \$40, supply list available**

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. It's on the cover in a different colorway!



There is some preliminary sewing to do before class, so don't wait until the last minute to register!

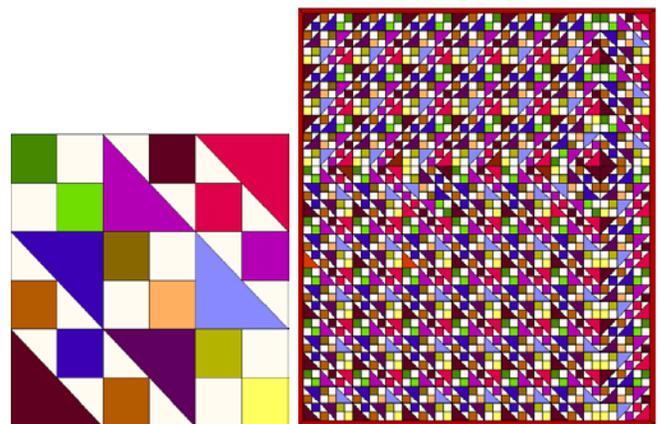
Non-members may register now for this class for an additional \$5.00 fee.



**Tuesday workshop 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:
There Are Jewels in Those Scraps!, \$25,
supply list available**

Note: Due to a lack of registrations, this replaces Bloomin' Propellers.

This brand new workshop is available for the very first time at PSQG! This scrappy pieced block project that can be interpreted at least 17 different ways depending on how the blocks are rotated to accent secondary designs. The block, designed by Nancy, is a variation of Jewel Box. Scrap lovers will have a ball in this workshop. You can precut your fabric for piecing 4 patch units with 2 ½" strips or squares. Set these with half-square triangles cut from 4 7/8" squares sewn together. Blocks will finish to 12" and can be assembled to make quilts of many sizes. Nancy will have directions. The workshop will be a fun time for visiting after the Tuesday morning meeting and you'll learn some tips and tricks for creating a fun quilt. Have you noticed that this is a quilt design worthy of SCRAPS?



September 22 and 23: Susan Garman

Note the dates! The fourth Monday is early this month, our meetings are the 22nd and 23rd!

Susan Garman will be joining us to lecture about Creativity and the Design Process. This popular award-winning quilter has been designing and making quilts for over 40 years. You may have seen her on *The Quilt Show*, for

whom she has designed some of their Block of the Month quilts. She loves traditional and whimsical quilts. Her designs include beautiful appliqué and intricate piecing. Check out the gallery on her website: www.comequilt.com.

In this one-hour lecture, Sue shares a retrospective view of how her quilt designs have developed across time. With photos, stories, and quilts, she will inspire, educate, and humor you. Along the way, you'll learn a lot about how you can incorporate some of her experiences and knowledge into your own quilt making. You will go home ready to dive into your sewing area with fresh new ideas and energy!

**Monday workshop 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.:
Rose Fans, \$40 class fee plus \$5 materials
fee, supply list available**

In this workshop, Sue will talk about needle-turn techniques, including off-unit appliqué, reverse appliqué, stems, perfect circles, and marking. This 15-inch block (finished size) can be used in a Baltimore album quilt, a Bed of Roses quilt, it can be set on point and used as the center of a medallion quilt, or four of them together would make a wonderful four-block quilt with a secondary pattern. Skill level: knowledge of appliqué is required, though you don't have to be an "expert." Materials fee of \$5 includes pattern and one set of freezer paper overlays.



This class will also be available, starting in July, to non-members for an additional \$5.00 fee. Registration for members will be open at the June meetings or contact Barb Vlack at barb@barbvlack.com.

**Tues. workshop 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.:
Papercut Fancy, \$20, supply list available**

In this workshop, learn basic appliqué skills using a traditional papercut design block. All aspects of appliqué will be covered. The papercut block can be used in a pillow or a center medallion, a 4-block quilt, or a larger quilt with more papercut blocks in it. No supply fee is required. Skill level: basic knowledge of appliqué is required.



This class will also be available, starting in July, to non-members for an additional \$5.00 fee. Registration for members will be open at the June meetings or contact Barb Vlack at barb@barbvlack.com.



2014-2015 at a glance

Month	Speaker
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 Recap

Thanks to all of you for the overwhelming donations of non-perishable food items (and \$85 cash) at our May banquet. The food was delivered to the Northern Illinois Food Pantry and filled a huge pallet, and a check was sent from the Guild. The Pantry staff was most appreciative.

All Guild Picnic July 28

Date: July 28, 2014 **Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Congregational United Church of Christ, Campton Hills

Directions: Go to the church website: <http://www.cuccstc.org/>

Note: LaFox Road is one lane between Route 38 and Campton Hills Road so plan your travel time accordingly.

This evening will be full of a shopping opportunity, food, fun (with prizes), and a

chance to help those less fortunate! How can you beat that!

First, **SHOPPING!** The Quilt Show Scraps Committee is giving guild members first chance to purchase good stuff! We'll have LOTS of great fat quarters (50 cents each) fat eights (25 cents each), some measured yardage, and a number of surprise items. The sale table will be set up by 5:00, so you'll want to get there early (and bring money)!

Next, **FOOD!** We'll dine on fabulous food (prepared by all of us—and we're all great cooks). The guild will furnish iced tea and lemonade. **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.**

After dinner, we'll turn to **FUN!** We'll be playing Quilt Block Bingo (with great prizes – and we do mean great prizes and LOTS of them)! Those of you who attended the May banquet received a kit to make your fabric Bingo card. If you didn't get one or want to make additional cards, instructions for the blocks are on the Guild website (How-to-make-the-Bingo-card.pdf). At the end of the evening, we'll collect all of the cards to be used for a guild charity project. This activity is a Win-Win all around! Note: you'll need to bring your own markers to use for the Bingo game. Buttons would work. And if you want to donate your buttons at the end of the evening, we'll collect and sort them, then sell them at the quilt show along with scraps.

Finally, **A CHANCE TO HELP OTHERS!** Please bring old shoes - any that are still useable but that you don't wear anymore (any kind of shoes except flip flops are acceptable). They will be donated to www.shoemanwater.org/ and will eventually end up in places like Haiti or Africa, with profits from the sale of these shoes to exporters used to support clean water projects around the world. Just think, this is a

wonderful opportunity for you to clean out your closet and make a difference with your donations. Shoes should be rubber banded together in pairs (or have shoelaces of pairs tied together).

Questions? Contact Susan Strasser (strasser23@gmail.com) or Mary Stewart (maryk_stewart@hotmail.com).

Susan Strasser and Mary Stewart, Activities

News from the Beehive

I will be at one of the back tables at each of the morning meetings to help you sign up or answer questions about getting into a bee. For the evening meetings, I am pleased to announce Sue Robles as my evening chapter committee Beekeeper. Please email or call with any questions.

Cindy Krelle, Beekeeper
630-406-0116 or cindykrelle@aol.com.



2014 Quilt Show

Boutique!

In our earlier article, we promised specifics about the items needed for the Boutique! Now is a good time to take a break from Spring gardening projects, Spring cleaning, Graduation Parties, etc. and take some quiet time for yourself **and** create something for the October Quilt Show Boutique Table.

We need pincushions, tote bags, pillow cases, towels, baby items, Christmas items, and Christmas ornaments. What little girl wouldn't love to have a "Princess" Pillow Case? Or a

"Sports" Pillow Case for a boy? "Baby Animal" bibs for babies are very popular. How about "Red Work" Dish towels?

Let's hear it from you wonderful, talented, creative, generous members! There will be a "boutique" box at all the future meetings for donations. It's not too soon to start thinking about, and making items. Please contact Pat Walsh (847-769-4759), Liz Coleman, and Jo Ann Weitzenfeld if you have any questions.

Volunteers!

Beginning with the June Chapter Guild meetings, members will have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer at the upcoming Show. Please be thinking about when and what type of help you can provide. Joyce Jaksa, Show Volunteer Chair, will be at both June Chapter meetings with the sign-up sheets.

Scraps!

We need more scraps! Please bring your scraps to the June meetings and July Picnic! If you have too many to bring, call Susan Strasser (630-443-6640) to arrange for pick-up. How's that for service?!?

Quilts!

The Quilt Display Committee will be giving a quick overview at the June meetings about how the drop-off will work this year, plus they will have Quilt Display forms available.

Thanks for your help.

Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel





WELCOME TO PSQG!

Welcome Susan Giorno from Prospect Heights to our a.m. Chapter Meeting!!

Coming up at the Education Table

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Barb and I (Edith) 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.

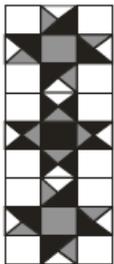
In August I will tell you about **labels** for your quilts. There are so many types of labels, fancy labels, informative labels, and just plain labels.

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

At the June and August meetings I will be there to answer your questions about entering your fabulous quilts and taking your entry forms for our fabulous Quilt Show.

Reminder: Quilt Show entry forms are due August 31st.

Edith Hubbard & Barb Stewart
Education Coordinators



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Susan Bresnahan	July 4
Gail Myers	July 7
Shirley Dreis	July 9
Ellyn Romoser	July 10
Jean Campbell	July 12
Mary Markee	July 16
Ruby Valentine	July 17
Pegi Twait	July 19
Donna Boyd	July 22
Ann Kowalyszyn	July 23
Ann Miller	July 26
Nancy Garrison	July 26
Mary Stewart	July 26
Sue Robles	July 30
Barbara Bullock	July 31
Joyce Cooper	July 31
Sherena Titus	July 31

illusions. Many of Nancy pieces in this show are a result of our year-long study and from members who had the pleasure of taking classes from Nancy in the past.

Come to The Quilt Merchant (June 1st to July 16th) and enjoy the designs of Nancy Pearson through the hands of our members!



From outside the Guild

The West Suburban Chapter of The Appliqué Society (TAS) presents *A Study with Appliqué Artist Nancy Pearson* at The Quilt Merchant in Winfield, June 1st thru July 16th.

This past year the West Suburban chapter of TAS has studied the work of local appliqué artist and national quilt teacher, Nancy Pearson. Nancy is internationally renowned for the spectacular beauty, exquisite workmanship and original design of her award-winning quilts. Her unique ability is to "paint" flowers and leaves with fabrics. She is also known for her unique "twisted fabric" technique and the "no baste" method of appliqué, along with her incredible dimensional shading and ribbon

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.

June Meetings

Evening Guild: Mon. June 23, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Guild: Tues. June 24, 9:30 a.m.

July Meetings

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

Guild Picnic: Mon. July 28, 6:00 p.m.

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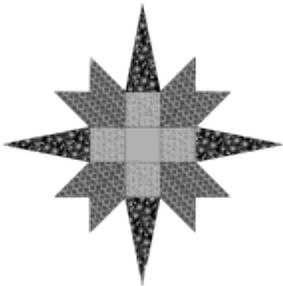
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