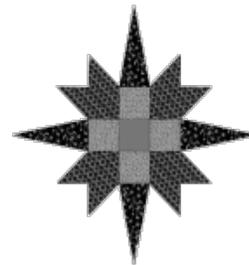


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From the Evening Vice President

Well, although I didn't win a single round of Quilt Bingo at the picnic, I still had a fun and relaxing time at the July picnic. Swim noodle sword fight, anyone?

It's now the "dog days" of summer, as they say. I've always wondered about that saying: my doggie companions don't like the heat and humidity any more than I do! Turns out the term "dog days" comes from ancient Rome when similarly hot weather was tied to the rising and setting of Sirius (also known as the Dog Star) in the constellation Canis Major which coincided with the rising and setting of the sun.

Fall will be here before we know it, and that means it will be time for our biennial **QUILT SHOW!** By now, I hope you've submitted an entry for at least one quilt. I finished my Bonnie Hunter quilt started in her May 2013 PSQG workshop— *woo hoo!* I love seeing the wide variety, creativity, and skill of our members on display, regardless of where you may be on your quilting path. Not to mention the fun of spending the day with my quilting peeps! Be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us, too. For the past few shows, I've sent out a personalized email invite to my local contacts and been pleasantly surprised by some folks who came to the show. Even if they aren't quilters, they may enjoy the eye candy and chance to purchase holiday gifts at the boutique or something from one of the vendors for the quilter (you!) in their lives.

Yours in stitches,

Beth Hoffman, Evening VP

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Next newsletter deadline:

September 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Send info to beckyh@rchconsulting.com.

Quilt Show Countdown! 8 Weeks!! October 17-18 at the DuPage Fairgrounds

Can it be possible that the quilt show is only two months away? Yes! Hopefully you are busy finishing your quilts, sorting through books, magazines, and scraps to donate, and anticipating all the fun we will have looking at quilts and shopping at our vendors. Thank you for your contributions to the Boutique that we received at the picnic. We can still use more items, and we will be accepting all donations (scraps, books, magazines, and boutique items) through the September guild meetings. The **Boutique** committee could use more zippered bags, baby quilts, aprons, holiday items, bags with clear plastic windows, aprons, and thread catchers.

Speaking of deadlines ... please be sure your quilt entry forms are given to us by August 31st (and even sooner is better). **Our goal is to have every member enter at least one quilt.** We have been seeing wonderful quilts at show-and-tell for a long time (and at the UFO night), so please consider entering one or more quilts. The application form is online on the psqg.org website under the Quilt Show button, then the "Members" button (click here to go there directly: <http://psqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Quilt-Show-Entry-2014-final.doc>). Please turn in two (2) copies of the form along with two (2) photos of your quilt. The photos can be printed on standard white 8.5"x11" paper, and only one photo must be in color. If you need help with the photos, contact Lynn Murphy or Edith Hubbard. Remember: your quilt does not have to be finished when you send the entry!! The photo is needed just to see the basic style and color of your quilt.

Don't forget about your **Challenge Quilt** - "My Hometown" - which is also due by the September guild meetings. It will be a very interesting display when all of the green lines of fabric throughout the various quilts are lined up.

This might also be a good time to alert your friends and family about the show dates and location so that they can plan to come and enjoy the beautiful display of quilts. Tickets for our gorgeous **raffle quilt** will be available at the guild meetings, so be sure to buy some for yourself and have some extras for friends to buy from you. As they say, you have to be in it to win it!

If you haven't had the chance to sign up to **volunteer** at the show, please plan to do that at the August guild meetings. It takes a lot of people to have a successful show, and it is a well-

Happy Birthday to ...



Nancy Kinzie	Sept. 2
Marsha Lucia	Sept. 3
Nancy Aho	Sept. 4
Gail Hamm	Sept. 6
Claire Erickson	Sept. 7
Janice Cox Arismendi	Sept. 9
Yvonne Richter	Sept. 9
Bonita Gillette	Sept. 12
Janet Miller	Sept. 12
Dixie Riley	Sept. 12
Barbara Carlson	Sept. 17
Cathy Maki	Sept. 17
Judith Sus	Sept. 18
Jody Cregier	Sept. 20

Community Projects

We turned in 20 blankets for Comfort for Critters. **Comfort for Critters** is a 100% volunteer non-profit program that creates handmade blankets to comfort homeless pets living in animal shelters.

A 20" by 20" blanket is a good size for most crates, and can give you a chance to practice your free motion quilting while making a donation blanket for a critter.

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known fact that volunteers have more fun! Remember, you get free admission to the show on the day(s) you volunteer.

Thanks for all your help in producing a wonderful show!

Jan Sharpless, Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel

Programs and Workshops

Thank you to Susan Strasser and Mary Stewart for organizing a great picnic! The food was fantastic. There were a lot of compliments about what fun the Quilt Block Bingo game was. Some of our prizes were provided by the quilt show committee – many thanks to them for those prizes!

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: Dancing Dots

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!



2014-2015 at a glance

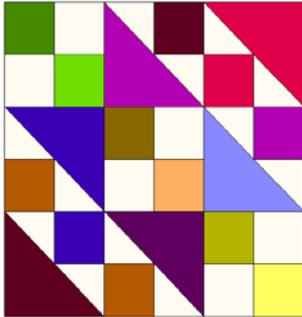
Month	Speaker
August	Nancy Mahoney, from Sparta, GA http://nancymahoney.com/
Sept.	Sue Garman from Houston, TX www.comequilt.com
October	post show
Nov.	Gail Stepanek from New Lenox, IL
January	Lynn Schmitt from Wheaton, IL www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com
Feb.	Mickey Depre from Oak Lawn, IL www.mdquilts.com
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

Dancing Dots workshop notes

Date	Monday, August 25 th
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$40 Members \$45 Non-members
Additional fees:	None
Supply list link:	supply list
Non-member registration opens	Now open
Notes	There is some preliminary sewing

Tuesday workshop: Twirly Swirly

This brand new workshop (so new the name last month was "There are Jewels in Those Scraps!") 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 1/2" 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!

Twirly Swirly workshop notes

Date	Tuesday, August 26 th
Hours:	1:00 9.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$25 Members \$30 Non-members
Additional fees:	None
Supply list link:	supply list
Non-member registration opens	Now open
Notes	You can precut 2 1/2" strips or squares, and 4 7/8" squares

Monday workshop: Rose Fans

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 is now available to non-members for an additional \$5.00 fee.

Tuesday: Papercut Fancy

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.



Note: only one of the four blocks above will be started in class.

Barb Vlack, 2014-2015 Program VP

Rose Fans workshop notes

Date	Monday, Sept. 22 nd
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$40 Members \$45 Non-members
Additional fees:	\$5 materials fee
Supply list link:	supply list
Non-member registration opens	August

Papercut Fancy workshop notes

Date	Tuesday, Sept. 23 rd
Hours:	12:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost:	\$20 Members \$35 Non-members
Additional fees:	None
Supply list link:	supply list
Non-member registration opens	August

Join us! Membership dues!

Haven't paid your 2014-2015 dues? We are looking for you to continue to be a part of this terrific quilt guild, because without you we are missing a beautiful piece of the quilt called Prairie Star Quilt Guild! So what to do? You have **three** options:

- ❖ Print off a copy of the Membership Registration form on www.psgg.org, fill it out, make a check out for \$35 (plus \$15 if you would like to receive the newsletter via U.S. mail) to PSQG and mail all to Chris Berry, Membership Co-Chair. Her address is on the form.
- ❖ Print off a copy of the Membership Registration form on www.psgg.org, fill it out, make a check out for \$35 (plus \$15 if you would like to receive the newsletter via U.S. mail) to PSQG, bring it to the meeting on Monday, August 25th or Tuesday, August 26th and turn in at the Membership Table.
- ❖ Don't have a printer? Pick up a copy at the August meetings.

Reminder: To be part of our upcoming quilt show, your membership must be paid in full with a current Membership Registration form on file for this year.

Also, **starting in August you will be charged the guest fee of \$10** to come to the meeting **if your membership is not paid**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Membership Registration for this guild year, please don't hesitate to email Chris Berry, Teresa Kasch or Juanita Brook - your Membership Co-Chairs!! Let's make it another fabulous guild year!!

Teresa Kasch (tkasch@comcast.net), Chris Berry (cberry1022@att.net), and Juanita Brook (jlbrk@sbcglobal.net)

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 few months.



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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.

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

October will be our **Quilt Show Review**.

In **November** there will be a **pattern** for a heart shaped needle keep just in time to make for Holiday gifts for your stitching friends.

Edith Hubbard & Barb Stewart
Education Coordinators

Activities

Many thanks to all of you who helped make this year's picnic a success! You brought fabulous food, helped us set up and clean up, and participated in the charity project, scraps sale, and quilt bingo. **Ninety pairs of shoes were donated** to the charity project, and the Scraps Committee reported that **a total of \$236.25 will be deposited in the Quilt Show fund!**

Our next event will be an open sew-in on Tuesday, November 25, following the morning Guild meeting. More information on this will be available in October after the quilt show.

And, save the date (March 26-29, 2015) for our winter retreat at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin. Detailed information will be posted on our Web site in October; sign-ups will begin at the October Guild meetings.

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

News from the Bee Keeper

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So, you love coming to PSQG each month, listening to our wonderful speakers, seeing amazing show-n-tells, enjoy the company of other quilters, and can't wait until next month to experience it all again? Well, if you belong to a bee you can enjoy the company of other quilters in between guild meetings. You just need to find one that fits your style, time of day/week and is close to where you live. If you feel this is the time to explore a smaller group of quilters (5 to 10) and you are ready

From outside the Guild

The Sinnissippi Quilters are hosting two speakers in Rockford on September 4th and all are welcome. Non-members of their guild pay a \$5 fee.

Who	Jan Kruger
When	1:00 p.m.
Topic	Color My World

Who	Linda Marcou
When	7:00 p.m.
Topic	Re-Stitching Tradition

Both presentations are at:

Bethesda Covenant Church
2010 E. State St.
Rockford, IL

Visit their website for more information:
www.sinnissippiquilters.org



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to have some extra quilting/bonding/stitching time, then getting into a bee is for you.

Sue Robles will be able to answer questions and take down your info at the evening guild meetings and I can help you out at the morning meetings. Just come see us at the back of the meeting room. Right now we have 5 bees looking for new members. One is for hand quilting, one is for appliqué, two are for scrappy quilts and one is a general bee. If none of these are your style, let us know and we will start a new list for people with your interests.

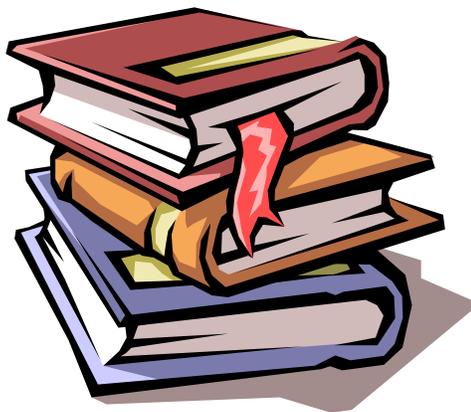
Also, there is an assisted living residence in St. Charles looking for a few quilters to come in once a month to talk to the residents. This could be a trunk show, or just showing them how you hand quilt, or whatever your talents with a needle and thread are. Please contact me for more information. This would be a nice outing for a bee and maybe even rotate bees so different ones could participate.

Let us know how we can help you!

Cindy Krelle 630-406-0116

Library Suggestions?

The Library Committee would love to have suggestions for new books for the library. Send your recommendations to Janet Miller at janetmiller800@yahoo.com.



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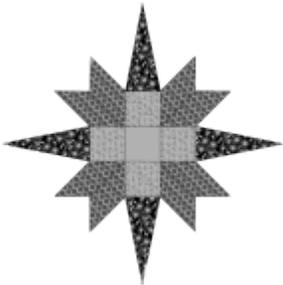
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