

Prairie Star Press

PRAIRIE STAR QUILTERS GUILD
St. Charles, IL

PSQG Website: <http://www.psqg.org>

VOLUME XXXVI, ISSUE NO.4
September, 2015

From the Morning Vice President...

According to the school calendar, summer has come to an end and the days are really looking like Fall. I see a few leaves on the ground, the colors are changing, ever so slightly, and most importantly, the fabrics in the quilt shops are screaming autumn..... my favorite color way! There are quite a few quilt shows coming up and retreats to sign up for (ours is at the end of this month). Try to get involved in some aspect of our guild; bees, workshop classes, a retreat, or our 2016 quilt show.

If you look at our website, you will see a tab for "Resources". If you click on that you will see a link to our members who are long arm quilters. The board would like to see some other links for special services that you personally provide. Whether it is machine embroidery, making quilts, t-shirt quilts, or some other aspect of quilting, we would like you to be listed on our web site. So please send your info to Yvonne Richter (yrichter9951@gmail.com) and she can add you to our resource list. This is for PSQG members only.

Enjoy your Fall!
Cindy Krelle, Morning VP



Here's what's in this issue:

From the Morning Vice President	1
Quilt Show	2
Fall Retreat 2015	2
A peek at 2015-2016	2
Programs and workshops	3
September 28 and 29: Joanie Zeier Poole	3
October 26 and 27: Froncie Quinn	4
Education Table	4
2015-2016 Board	5
Community Projects	5
Bee There or Bee Square	6
Toffee Bark Recipe	7
Outside the Guild	7
Mystery of the Tomato Cushion	8

Next newsletter deadline:

October 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Send info to Alissa Kantola at joy14@hotmail.com.

Quilt Show

We have some excitement coming at the September meetings! The raffle quilt is finished and will be revealed. We will have raffle tickets available for sale at both meetings, and we would appreciate it if each member could purchase \$20 worth of tickets - all for you or to sell to friends and family. We will also have more information on the upcoming collection of books and magazines, scraps, and items for the boutique. Please keep making those cute cardholders for our door gifts. The directions are on the PSQG website. Also, it isn't too late to join in on the 3D quilt challenge for the show. Check out the amazing effects you can get with fabric and the 3D glasses.

Chris Schwarz and Leslie Nyckel, *Quilt Show Co-Chairs*

Fall Retreat 2015

Don't forget to sign up for our fall retreat which is fast approaching and will take place at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, Illinois September 30 - October 4, 2015. The facility is newly renovated and refurbished as of January 2015, including a spacious well-lit sewing room. All of the bedrooms have 2 twin size beds, desk, closet, private bath, and individually controlled thermostats. You have the choice of Wednesday-Sunday, Thursday-Sunday, or Friday-Sunday. For more information and registration form click [here](#).

Looking forward to sewing with new and old friends, see you there!

Linda Santoro (quilts0125@yahoo.com) and Barbara Carlson (ellifour@yahoo.com)



A peek at 2015-2016

Month	Speaker
Sept.	Joanie Zeier Poole heirloomquiltingdesigns.com
October	Froncie H. Quinn of Hoopla Quilts www.hooplapatterns.com
Nov.	In-House
January	Robbie Joy Eklow robbieklow.blogspot.com
Feb.	Lyric Kinard lyrickinard.com
March	Mary Sorenson MaryAppliques.com
April	Annual Business Meeting
May	Banquet speaker: Susan Carlson susancarlson.com

Programs and workshops

September 28 and 29: Joanie Zeier Poole

Coming to us in September is machine quilting teacher, author, and pattern designer Joanie Zeier Poole! With a background in graphic design, and a passion for machine quilting on a domestic sewing machine, Joanie has become an award winning quilter and a professional educator. Whether you are new to machine quilting or want to improve your skills, Joanie is a fantastic teacher of quilting design and free-motion quilting.

Check out Joanie’s informative website at Heirloom Quilting Designs.

September Workshops

Give it a Spin-Machine Quilting

Joanie teaches her time-tested fundamentals, practice exercises for her essential free-motion basics including perfecting the tension of your machine to build your confidence and achieve meticulous results before stitching, as well as numerous circular background fill patterns. Enjoy beautifully stitched examples that will inspire you to Give it a Spin.



Give it a Spin - Machine Quilting workshop notes

Date	Monday, September 28 th , 2015
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$45 Members \$55 Non-members
Additional fees:	Kit \$20 (Required)
Supply list link:	

October 26 and 27: Froncie Quinn

Our October speaker, Froncie Quinn, comes to us from New London, New Hampshire. Froncie is a quilt historian, and through her company, Hoopla Quilts, she creates patterns of antique quilts for several large museums. In the Monday night program, “Oft Think of Me”, we will be hearing the stories behind Froncie's collection of museum reproduction quilts. The Tuesday morning program is “Let’s Talk Turkey” is a lecture and trunk show following the history of fabric styles and colors through the 19th century, with an emphasis on Turkey Red.



Choosing and Adapting Quilting Designs workshop notes

Date	Tuesday, September 29 th , 2015
Hours:	CANCELLED
Cost:	
Additional fees:	
Supply list link:	

You can see more about Froncie at her website Hoopla Patterns.

October Workshops

Florrie’s Posies

Create a charming appliquéd 3-inch flower basket framed in nine patch blocks! This little Posey Quilt is based on the historic Calico Garden Quilt, originally made by historian Florence

PGSG September 2015

Peto, and on the "mother" version of the quilt she made a few years later! A choice of [Posey Packets®](#) will be given for the center flower. This is a hand-piecing and appliqué workshop with emphasis on 19th century techniques and fabrics.



Redwork – A Portfolio of Embroidery

Always wanted to try redwork? Never tried hand embroidery? Learn a bit about the history and stitches or redwork as you spend the afternoon with Froncie.

Joanne Sattler, 2015-2016 Program VP

Education Table

To start off the Fall schedule let’s do some Kool-Aid dying. I have been playing with my Crock Pot and Kool-Aid to dye and over dye wool. I’ll share what I have discovered with you in September.

Now that the garden is finished and the yard work is waning it’s time to get back to quilting. In October I will show you a way to pin baste your quilts for quilting without having to crawl around on the floor with easy to find big box lumberyard items.

As I have been doing research for the Education Table I have come across some web sites that may be new to you and of some interest. After I have introduced them in the newsletter I will post them to a list on the PSQG web page. This month I ran across www.youtube.com/user/missouriqltco. This will take you to all the Missouri Quilt Co. You tube videos. Have fun with this one.

Happy Stitching!
Edith Hubbard, *Education Chair*

2015-2016 Board

Executive board

- President Joyce Jaksa
- Programs Vice President Joanne Sattler
- Evening Vice President Susie Wing
- Daytime Vice President Cindy Krelle
- Secretary Diane Hubberts
- Treasurer Sue Balsiger

Florrie’s Posies workshop notes

Date	Monday, October 26 th , 2015
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$35 Members \$45 Non-members
Additional fees:	Pattern



Redwork – A Portfolio of Embroidery workshop notes

Date	Tuesday, September 28 th , 2015
Hours:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$25 Members \$35 Non-members
Additional fees:	Kit and Pattern

PGSG September 2015

Board

Membership	Juanita Brook*
	Chris Berry*
	Teresa Kasch*
Newsletter	Alissa Kantola
Education	Edith Hubbard
Media Chair	Yvonne Richter
Bee Keeper	Dawn Schultz
Library	Liz Fitzgerald*
	Janet Miller*
Community Projects	Debbie Long*
	Kathy Secor*
Contracts 2015-2016	Teresa Kasch
Nominations	Susan Strasser
Quilt Show 2016 Co-Chairs	Chris Schwarz*
	Leslie Nyckel*

Non-board positions

Historian	Erica Barrett
July Picnic	Diane Moore
Fall Retreat	Linda Santoro*
	Barbara Carlson*
May Banquet	Barbara Stewart

*Indicates Co-Chairs

Community Projects

We would like to thank members who returned completed projects last month, among them Marcy Christensen, Laretta Schneider and Laurel Kiburg. We invite more of you to stop by our table to choose a kit to take home and work on in between your own projects. Remember, there is no pressure to complete and return a project at the next meeting. And you are welcome to return a pieced top that we can pass along to another member to quilt!

Thanks for your support!

Deb Long (a.m.) and Kathy Secor (p.m.), *Community Projects*

Happy birthday to ...



Mary Ellen Hennebry	Oct. 1
Sherrie Letzter	Oct. 3
Edna DeVore	Oct. 8
Diane Swaney-Smith	Oct. 11
Judy Schifiliti	Oct. 18
Chris Berry	Oct. 22
Nancy Lilly	Oct. 23
Jody Schoneck	Oct. 24
Rebecca Cynamon-Murphy	Oct. 25
Jan Sharpless	Oct. 25
Vi Nelson	Oct. 28
Beth Reuter	Oct. 28
Cindi Little	Oct. 30
Bonnie Holtz	Oct. 31
Lois Wilhelm	Oct. 31

Bee there or Bee square...

I certainly haven't heard that phrase for many a year (okay so I'm dating myself a bit). But think about this. . . if you're not in a Bee, you could be square and who wants to Bee four-sided, right-angled, rectangular, quadrangular, and so forth, definitely not me. So how do we solve this problem? I know, I know, join a Bee and you will **Bee There!** Oh, if only all my problems were this easy to solve.

Now that we solved your problem of possibly being quadrangularly-challenged, let's get down to the fun stuff. Which Bee do you join or can you help start a new Bee? Do you want to do an applique, scrap, embroidery or general Bee? There is definitely no law that states you can't join more than one Bee. Just lay your monthly calendar down in front of you and plan your Bee(s). Can you attend one of the following Bee dates?

Applique Bee – meets 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Batavia.

Art Quilt Bee – meets 3rd Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m., Batavia.

Embroidery Bee – meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Winfield

General Bee – meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Batavia.

Hand Quilting Bee – meets 1st Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., St. Charles.

Scrappy Bee – meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Batavia.

Scrappy Bee – meets 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Batavia.

If that's a yes, my job here is done! But, if there isn't one here that keeps you away from being four-sided, well then see me, and let's get your name down for a new kind of Bee. Wow, wasn't that easy to do. Come and see me.

Dawn Schultz, Beekeeper



Recipe of the Month...

SIMPLE PRETZEL (OR SALTINE) TOFFEE BARK



8 oz. (or less) mini pretzels, broken into small pieces
(or about 40 saltine cracker squares)

1 c. butter (2 sticks)

1 c. packed light brown sugar

2 c. (or 12 oz) bag semisweet chocolate chips

Chopped nuts, optional

Preheat oven to 375. Line a 17" X 11" cookie sheet with foil (nonstick works great). Cover the bottom of the pan with broken pretzels (or whole saltines); set aside. In medium saucepan over medium heat, combine butter and sugar. When mixture begins to boil, let it bubble for 3 minutes without stirring. Immediately pour over pretzels, moving pan from one end to the other while pouring to spread evenly. (Don't worry if you have some 'bare' places where the toffee hasn't spread.) Bake for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over the top. Let stand for 5 minutes; then spread melted chocolate evenly over top and sprinkle with chopped nuts. Cool completely and break into pieces.

<http://thebetterbaker.blogspot.com/2013/11/simple-pretzel-toffee-bark.html>

Interesting Sewing News...

Mystery of the Tomato Cushion Has Been Solved

What's red and ripe and bursting at the seams with sewing pins? That enduring icon of the needlework world: the produce-inspired pincushion better known as the tomato cushion.

Outside the Guild

Winding Path Quilt Show

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

1023 McHenry Ave. Crystal Lake, IL

September 25th 10am-6pm

September 26th 10am-3pm

Gems of the Prairie Quilters

Autumn Gems Quilt Show

Peoria Civic Center

201 SW Jefferson-Hall D

September 26th 9am-5pm

September 27th 11am-4pm

Prairie Sisters Quilt Show

Columbia Junior High

94 W Richton Road, Steger, IL

September 26th 9am-5pm

September 27th 9am-4pm

Quilts from the Village XIV

Libertyville Sports Complex

1950 H. Highway 45,

Libertyville, IL

October 2nd 10am-8pm

October 3rd 10am-5pm

"Fall Splendor"

Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild

Chapin's East

502 Twin Rail Drive, Minooka, IL 60447

October 2nd 9am-5pm

October 3rd 10am-4pm

PGSG September 2015

If you grew up in a crafty household like I did, odds are you've seen one before -- either in your mother's sewing box or tucked away in a drawer among a pile of unraveling spools. But did you ever stop to wonder where this little oddity comes from?



Pincushions come in all shapes and sizes, but the tomato is the design that prevails as the classic. But why a tomato of all things? Turns out it's not random: There's actually a reason for the tomato design, and it dates back to the Victorian era.

The first-ever documented mention of a generic pincushion dates back to the Middle Ages. Of course, in those days, they were more whimsically called "pimpilowes," "pyn pillows," and "pin-poppets." The pincushion was invented as a practical aid for storing pins and needles, but it also showcased one's collection of pins and needles. (Needles were costly, after all.) But the less-iconic shapes of dolls, birds, and prettily-packaged boxes left something to be desired.

Enter the time-honored tomato. According to tradition, placing a tomato on the mantel of a new home ensured prosperity by warding off evil spirits. When tomatoes were out of season, people weren't totally out of luck: They simply improvised with red material, sawdust, and a little bit of ingenuity.

A lady of the Victorian era would take immense pride in a parlor room stocked with shelves upon shelves of pincushions, but the tomato was always the crown jewel of her collection. Since then, we've been piercing our pins into stuffed fabric tomatoes without question. But it's "sew" much more fun to know where they come from, am I right?

Article from Martha Stewart:

<http://www.marthastewart.com/1082584/mystery-tomato-pincushion>

Outside the Guild

Shades of Autumn Quilt Show

Northside Baptist Church
598 River Lane, Dixon, IL
October 9th 9am-5pm
October 10th 9am-4pm

Works of Heart Quilt Show

Benedictine University – Krasa
Student Center
5700 College Road, Lisle, IL
October 10th 9am-5pm
October 11th 11am-4pm

Country Crossroads Quilt Guild of Forreton, IL The Trailing Leaves Quilt Show

Oregon Coliseum
4th & Franklin, Oregon, IL
October 16th 10am-4pm
October 17th 10am-3pm

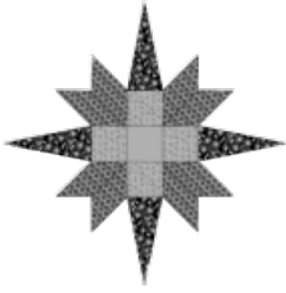


Long Arm Custom Quilting Services

**Please schedule
pre-Christmas dates now!
Cut off will be Dec. 1**

**Cindy Krelle
630-406-0116**





Prairie Star Quilters Guild

P. O. Box 1460

St. Charles, IL 60174-1460

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dated Material

ADVERTISING RATES

1/8 page \$10/issue (business card size)

1/4 page \$20/issue

1/2 page \$40/issue

Above rates apply to a single issue. A purchase of the same-size ad for a year (11 issues) earns a 10% discount. Ads accepted only for quilting or quilt-related subjects and must be prepaid. Deadline for ads (getting copy or camera-ready artwork to the Editor) is the first of the month in which you wish the ad to appear. Call or email the Editor if you have any questions.

SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

Prairie Star Press Subscription Only Rate: Non-members of PSQG wishing a subscription to the **Prairie Star Press** may subscribe for \$15/year (11 issues). Make check payable to PSQG and send to PSQG, P.O. Box 1460, St. Charles, IL 60174-1460. PSQG trades complimentary issues of the **Prairie Star Press** with other guilds upon request.