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From the Evening Vice President...

Well ladies, fall is here and we are on our way into the busy holiday season. I have been to quilt shows 4 weekends in a row – all of them marvelous! Lots and lots of sources of inspiration for each of us in pursuit of our passion of making quilted items. We are so blessed with the opportunities and resources available in our area.

Moving through this busy time, be sure to READ CAREFULLY the whole newsletter as vital information is frequently given to members. Don't be caught saying "I didn't know...". The evening Chapter has had several members volunteer to be Hospitality Committee leaders. Look for their request for contributions of goodies beginning with our November meeting. Yea!

I am looking forward to learning a little more quilt history which this month's speaker, Froncie Quinn will be sharing in her lectures. Do join us this month.

See you soon!
Susie Wing, *Evening VP*



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Next newsletter deadline:

November 5, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Send info to Alissa Kantola at joy14@hotmail.com.

From the Membership Table

Have you ever wondered about something in guild, but didn't know who to ask or were afraid to ask? Or, do you have a comment? Now is your chance. Bring your questions or comments to the next meeting and put them in the box at the membership table. Or, write your question or comment at the membership table and drop it in the box. Your comments may be anonymous, but if you want an answer to a question, please note how we may contact you.

On another note...we are going to try the flower for new member identification. When a new member joins, we will ask her if she minds wearing a little flower (like a corsage) so that all guild members will know that she is a new. The membership team will try to find a guild member to escort her around the room to explain what is going on. We would like each of you to just say hello and make her feel welcome. We've had some feedback that new members didn't feel welcome, so let's give it a try!

Chris Berry and Juanita Brook, *Membership Chairs*

The Banquet – Final Resolution

Those of you who attended the May 2015 banquet at the Mill Creek Country Club will receive an additional gift! Not only were you able to see Jan Krentz's fabulous trunk show and hear her inspiring lecture, you will now be receiving a partial refund on your banquet ticket!

As you know, our original banquet location was the Eaglebrook Country Club. However, at the last minute (Saturday night before the Monday evening banquet), we were notified that Eaglebrook had double booked. Mill Creek graciously agreed to host us and work with Eaglebrook on our menu, but our meal was not quite what we expected. As a result, after discussion with Eaglebrook, we paid them less than we were billed, and we now will be issuing refunds of \$15/attendee.

At the October and November guild meetings, we'll have a table with each attendee's cash refund in an envelope, together with a list of paid attendees. To claim your refund, come to the table, initial the list, and pick up your envelope.

And that's a wrap!

Susan Strasser and Mary Stewart, *2015 Banquet Co-Chairs*

A peek at 2015-2016

Month	Speaker
October	Froncie H. Quinn of Hoopla Quilts www.hooplapatterns.com
Nov.	In-House "Tool Time"
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

2016 Quilt Show News

We hope all of you are thinking about all the things you can do to help out your Guild by contributing to the 2016 Quilt Show! Without a profitable Show we would not be able to bring all the great Programs we provide throughout the 2 years between Shows. This is our major fundraiser and it takes all of us to promote, volunteer, as well as donate items to make it a great Show. Please be thinking about the following as ways you can contribute:

Scraps: Collect and bring in starting in October. We are looking for Quilt Shop Quality Cotton ONLY! Minimum size is 2 inches, but larger pieces and yardage are appreciated too. We will be collecting throughout next year, so if you don't have a lot now you have plenty of time to accumulate more.

If you have smaller scraps, batting, fleece and non-quilting fabric, make a Dog Bed! We are NOT collecting Dog Bed scraps, but will try to have cases for you to fill at each meeting (or make your own-minimum 24 inches square, up to 36" x 48"). If you would like fabric to make a Bed, we have lots to share! Completed Beds are donated to Anderson Animal Shelter in South Elgin. We are happy to take them there for you, just bring completed Beds to a Guild meeting.

Books and Magazines: We will start collecting at the October Guild meetings. Susan Egner will have her van available for direct transfer at the morning meeting (evening attendees should bring donations in and we will get them to the van the next morning. If you need help, just ask). Quilt related Books and magazines only. Magazines should be whole (no torn out pages) and 2005 or later. If you have a lot, please bring in a sturdy box. Continue to collect throughout next year. Go through your bookshelves and see what you haven't used in a while and bring in those books to find a new home at our Book sale.

Boutique: This is an important moneymaker for us and we rely on your generous donations of creative quilted, sewn and embroidered items for our Boutique at the Show. Holiday items sell well. Items that do well are usually priced under \$25, so keep that in mind as you are making your lovely items.

Start making your gifts to donate soon! We will begin collecting items in October and throughout next year.

Here are some ideas for items we would like to have to sell: ornaments, aprons, pin cushions, thread catchers, sewing machine covers, sewing machine mats, doll clothes, some baby

Bring us your Scraps!



Start Sewing for the Boutique!



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items, dog items, coasters, tablet covers, novelty fabric bags and project totes, "go" boxes, pairs of pillow cases (not too many), reversible holiday table/shelf runners, fidget quilts, small wall hangings. Think about your best quilting buddy, what would **she** (or he) like as a gift? What would a non-quilter like as a gift?

Unless your items are really unique, please don't make too many of the same thing (like pillow cases), they just don't sell. Please put your name on your items as you turn them in so that if we have questions or an item needs to be returned we can get it back to you.

We appreciate all of our volunteers and their donations. If each of our members makes just a few things, we will have a very successful sale. If you have any ideas for items and or displays, please let us know. If you would like to be on the committee for sorting and pricing items, let Liz Coleman know.

The way we display items will be important and Liz has some great ideas but more input is welcomed. You can contact Liz Coleman at, 847-931-9440 or eacoleman7979@aol.com.

Raffle Baskets: We hope that every Bee will come up with an idea for a great Basket. Please sign up on the list at the Show Table to let us know what your Theme is so we don't have duplicates. In the past we have had Chocolate, Beginning Quilter, Wool, Applique, Batiks, Holiday, and Comfort, to name a few. We will also be asking for donations of items to be put in Baskets not done by Bees, so check out your stash and watch for announcements on needed items.

Raffle Quilt: We hope you enjoyed the unveiling of our beautiful Opportunity Quilt at the September meetings! Thank you to everyone who made a block, and especially to Sherena Titus for the beautiful designing, piecing and quilting. This quilt is sure to be a winner. We need every member to sell at least \$20 worth of tickets. Buy your tickets at any Guild meeting. Feel free to use Facebook or other social media to advertise the quilt and sell tickets. Ask your friends, neighbors and relatives to buy some tickets. Remember that half the profits will go to Living Well Cancer Support Center. This is a very important fundraiser for us.

We also need volunteers to take the Quilt to other area Guilds, Shops and Shows. Check in with Kathy Secor at the next meeting for the schedule. It is a lot of fun to visit other Guilds and see how they operate, as well as you get to hear their speaker for free! Kathy also needs help at morning and evening



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meetings to help sell tickets (even one time is a big help). If you are interested in volunteering for any of these tasks please contact Kathy at: krsecor@gmail.com or 630-802-8339.

Challenge Quilts: Don't forget to sign up for the Challenge Quilt. Your \$5 entry fee includes a pair of 3D glasses to help you evaluate the effects of your fabric choices and design. Any type of quilt qualifies (see the instructions for size limits) so it can be a traditional design, modern design, art design, anything you like! And remember there is a monetary award for the prizewinners!

Door Gifts: If you haven't made some of the little cardholders we are giving away as Show Door gifts yet, pick up a copy of the instructions at a Guild meeting, or check out the Guild Website. We need at least 1200 of them! So far we have only about 160- we need more!!!! Be sure to test your first one to make sure a credit card or business card will fit. We have received some that were too small.

Quilts for the Show: And of course the most important thing is to be thinking about which Quilts you will be entering in the 2016 Show! Entry forms will be coming out soon. We have seen some incredible quilts already this year and hope that many of them will be in our Show so we can enjoy them even more. Remember that for the 2016 Show there is a maximum limit on the size of 96" due to space limitations.

If you have questions about what you can do to help with the Show, feel free to contact us.

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

Programs and workshops

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.



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

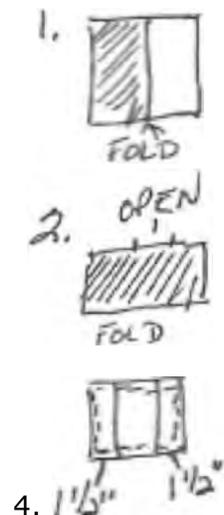
Card Keeper Door Gift

1 – 8 ½ x 8 ½ fabric

1 – 8 ½ x 4 ¼ fusible interfacing

1. Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of fabric.
2. Fold in half right sides together and sew ¼" seam around leaving an opening to turn in the middle of the 8 ½' side.
3. Clip corners and turn right side out. Press turning opening ¼".
4. Fold each end in 1 ½" to make pockets. Then top stitch all the way around outside edge 1/8". Fold in half.

Note: You can also use two different fabrics each 8 ½ x 4 ½ and fusible interfacing 8 ½ x 4 ½ fused one of the fabrics. Sew all the way around as in step 2 then continue to steps 3 & 4.



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October Workshop

Redwork – A Portfolio of Embroidery

Always wanted to try redwork? Never tried hand embroidery? Learn a bit about the history and stitches of redwork as you spend the afternoon with Froncie. We still have some openings in this class, you can email me at joanne.sattler@gmail.com.

November 23 and 24: "Tool-Time" In-House Program

In November come share your favorite tool, and maybe find your next favorite!

December: No Program – Happy Holidays

January 25 and 26: Robbie Joy Eklow

Robbi Joy Eklow has an Engineering degree from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. In college she married her husband Brian, they have two children. Robbi lectures and teaches internationally, and has shown quilts and won ribbons in major quilt shows across the United States. She writes a bi-monthly column "Goddess of the Last Minute" for Quilting Arts Magazine. She has designed quilts and written articles for many quilting publications. She has written two books about quilting. See more of her work at <http://www.robbieklow.com/index.asp>.

January Workshop

Art Deco and Flower Fused Components

Fused applique will be used to create your choice of small or large scale geometric flowers and art deco designs from individual components that can be arranged in an infinite number of compositions to make quilts of varying sizes. I've made quilts ranging from 18"x24" to over 60" square using the patterns. Robbi will bring at least a dozen different patterns to class for students to choose. Patterns range from simple to complicated allowing everyone to decide their own challenge level for the day, each student will get one free, and can purchase more if desired. Spend a fun day creating with more ideas to take home. Beginner/Intermediate levels

Joanne Sattler, 2015-2016 Program VP



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 \$13 to teacher



Art Deco and Flower Fused Components workshop notes

Date	Monday, January 25 th , 2015
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$65 Members \$75 Non-members
Additional Info:	1 Free pattern of your choice included

Coming Up at the Education Table

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

November is tool time. Shopping at the Hardware Store can give you quilting ideas. Stop by and see what I have found.

If the Kool-Aid dyeing was your cup of tea. Visit the web site www.dyeyouryarn.com . It has other food coloring and drink products that can be used and color formulas for just about any color you can dream up. I had fun dyeing wool and I hope you will give it a try.

Happy Stitching!
Edith Hubbard, *Education Chair*



2015-2016 Board

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Quilt Show 2016 Co-Chairs Chris Schwarz*
Leslie Nyckel*

Non-board positions

Historian Erica Barrett
Summer Gathering Diane Moore
Spring Retreat Diane Moore
May Banquet Barbara Stewart

*Indicates Co-Chairs

Community Projects

We donated twelve fidget quilts to the DuPage County Convalescent Home in Wheaton and they were thrilled to have them for their residents.

Thank you to Betty Losselyong, Mary Stewart, Pat Noonan, Mary Christensen, Lauretta Schneider and Laurel Kiburg for the completed projects they returned at the September meetings.

We now have labels to sew onto our quilts – if you have a work in progress, stop by our table to pick one up to add to your project. Do you like to piece? We have kits! Prefer to quilt (or want to sharpen those skills)? We have tops and batting (large enough for loading on a frame)!

Remember to save lace, elastic, beads, empty thread spools and similar items that can be attached to a fidget quilt, as well as fabrics with different textures (corduroy, satin, etc.) for fidget quilts.

Join us!

We will be hosting an open sew on Monday, November 23, as there is no workshop planned for the November Guild meeting. We will have lots of projects ready to sew. Come and share your time and creativity as we prepare to give thanks for all we have been blessed with. More details in next month's newsletter.

A “kitting party” will be held at Debbie Long’s house in Carol Stream in late October/early November. If you are interested in more information, email her at dlmarch5@att.net.

Thanks for your support!

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

Happy birthday to ...



Carol Gent	Nov. 4
Lois Bushman-Spognardi	Nov. 5
Shirley Dickensheidt	Nov. 5
Barbara Vlack	Nov. 7
Michelle Palmisano	Nov. 8
Kathy Steere	Nov. 8
Erica Barrett	Nov. 9
Jodi Caraballo	Nov. 9
Kathy Elvin	Nov. 9
Joyce Jakska	Nov. 9
Julie Krafft	Nov. 9
Lois Larson	Nov. 12
Joanne Sattler	Nov. 12
Mary Weinschreider	Nov. 16
Diane Hubberts	Nov. 20
Teresa Kasch	Nov. 22
Juanita Brook	Nov. 25
Adele Jeschke	Nov. 25
Carol Andermann	Nov. 27
Linda Baker	Nov. 28
Eva Thorn	Nov. 28
Denita Jackman	Nov. 29
Judy Kaulfuss	Nov. 29
Cheryl Burdine	Nov. 30
Heidi Clayton	Nov. 30
Diane Heinton	Nov. 30

Booooo! Bee!

It's that Happy Halloween time! Did I scare you or did I wake you up?

In either case, now that I have your attention . . . Mr. Pumpkinhead and I think this would be a great month for you to join a Bee. He thinks there's so many great projects to do for his important month, that the only way to get them done is by . . . wait for it . . . joining a Bee! All his ghoulish friends, including the headless horseman, belong to Bees. Hey, that's what he told me, straight from his pumpkin mouth (about that, I do believe he needs to see a dentist). In any case, we agree. Don't you sometimes feel there's so much beautiful, lovely, gorgeous fabric, but so little time? I figure I'll have to sew until I'm 125. The good news is, in joining a Bee, I feel this cuts my time to, ah, maybe 95 years. Maybe if I join just one more Bee, I can cut my time down to 75ish years. Hey, I think that's doable. I'm going to give it a darn good try.

With that being said, do you think one of the follow Bees might be for you?

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 1st Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m., Members' homes.

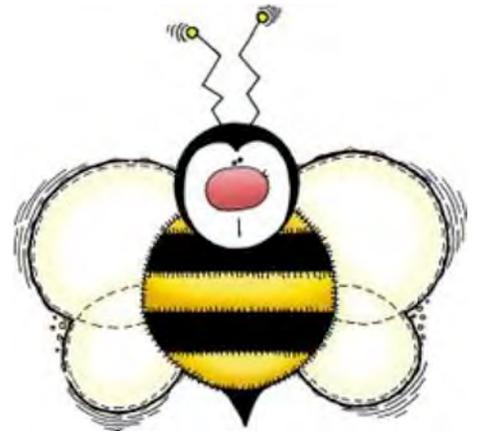
General Bee – meets 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Geneva.

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.

*Knitting Bee – meets 2nd Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m., St. Charles.

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



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

(*Bees hoping to add a couple of new members.)

Also, here's a list of Bees waiting to happen!

Art Bee (daytime) – 2 on the list

Embroidery Bee (daytime) – 3 on the list for a central to west-
side location

Longarm Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

Modern Bee (daytime or night possibly) – 3 on the list

Quilt Bee (night time) – 2 on the list

Wool Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

Let's Do (or Go) Bee/General – 5 on the list (in preparation to
start-up)

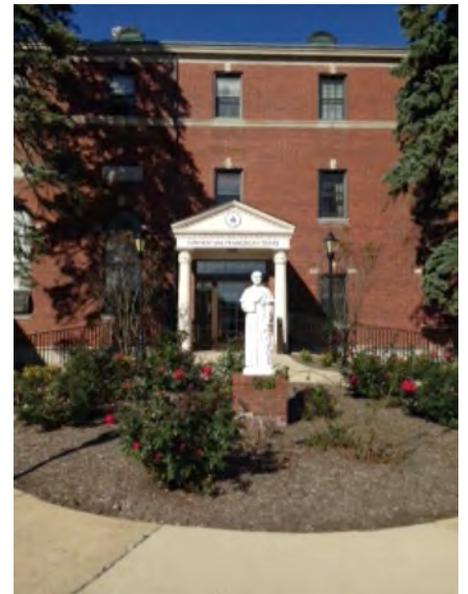
If you are interested in adding your name to one of these Bee
lists, see me!

Dawn Schultz, Beekeeper

Relax, Relax, Sew...

Would you like to have 4 days to relax and sew? Time to get
some UFO's done? Please come and join us for the spring guild
retreat at Marytown retreat center March 10-13, 2016. This
center was established in 1997 and is nestled on 14 acres of
peaceful grounds in the midst of Libertyville. We have a very
spacious room for sewing, which includes our own refrigerator
and coffee makers. Each person will have their own table. There
will be at least 3 cutting tables and a few iron centers. You do
not have to cook for 3½ days. You will be served lunch and
dinner on Thursday, 3 meals on Friday and Saturday, and brunch
on Sunday. Please note that lunch is included on
Thursday. Meals are served buffet style and there is a salad bar
at lunch and dinner and a full beverage center. Each sleeping
room has its own room with private bathroom. You can also
stay until 4:30 on Sunday. You can stay 4 days or 3
days. Pricing will be available at October Chapter
meetings. **Please come and sew, sew, sew.**

Diane Moore, hdmoore7058@comcast.net



Marytown Retreat Center

Recipe of the Month...

Gluten Free Pumpkin Cake

3C cake flour (I used Krusteaz Gluten Free - all purpose flour)
1t salt
2t baking soda
2t baking powder
2t pumpkin spice
1-1/2C Wesson oil (I used corn oil)
2-1/2 C pumpkin
2C sugar
4 eggs beaten

Sift flour, salt, baking soda and powder and pumpkin spice together then add to rest of ingredients. Bake 350 for 45 minutes in 13 X 9 X 2 or 1 hour in angel or tube pan.

Frosting

1/4 lb butter
1t vanilla
Small cream cheese
Powder sugar

Submitted by: Shirley Dickenscheidt



**Combining the Arts:
Writing, Drawing and Quilting**

**Presentation and Storytelling By:
Linda Brodine, PSQG Member**

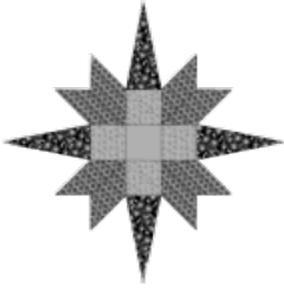
LITERARY BREAKFAST FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN
Saturday, October 24, 9am at
THE LITTLE TRAVELER
Geneva, IL



'Book signing in the store following presentation.'

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