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## From the President's Desk...

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful fall weather we have had the past couple of weeks. The months of October and November are my favorite time of the year. The brilliant colors of the trees, the crisp air and the turning back of the clocks tells me the year will soon come to an end and a new one will begin. Is it only me, or do all of you find that the fall weather motivates me to get that unfinished quilt out of the closet and finish it as I know I will appreciate its warmth and comfort soon.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I also find myself reflecting on the many blessings that have come my way over the years. Let's all remember to give those important to us just a little longer and tighter hug to show how much they mean to us.

But, in the meantime, I am looking forward to this month's Chapter meetings. We are going to shorten the business portion of the meeting so we can have extra time to enjoy Tool Time with Joanne Sattler, Edith Hubbard and Cindy Krelle. The ladies will show us how items from hardware and office supply stores can be used in the quilting world.

I am told so often that PSQG is the best guild in the area. But, to continue keeping our Guild as the best, I would like to ask all of you to get involved with the operations of the Guild. It is that time of the year that we are looking for ladies to join the Board. If Susan Strasser, Nominations Chair, calls you to discuss an open Board position, please give it serious consideration. If we cannot fill a position on the Board, we may have to suspend some activities.

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## Next newsletter deadline:

January 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Send info to Alissa Kantola at [joy14@hotmail.com](mailto:joy14@hotmail.com).

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PSQG's biggest money-maker is the upcoming Quilt Show in 2016. The proceeds from our Show allows us to contract all of the wonderful speakers and workshops. As of today, we still do not have Show Co-Chairs for 2018. If the Show gets cancelled, the number of speakers and events will be reduced drastically. Dues alone will not allow us to contract these speakers.

Please consider joining the Board or offer to Chair the 2018 Show. We need you and the ladies who have been involved year after year need a break.

If you would like to discuss getting more involved in the Guild, please call me. If you would like to become involved with the 2016 Show or Chair the 2018 Show, please contact Chris Schwarz or Leslie Nyckel. Also, contact Susan Strasser if you would like to join the Board.

Thank you and enjoy the upcoming Holiday season!

*Joyce Jaksa, President*

## Education Table

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

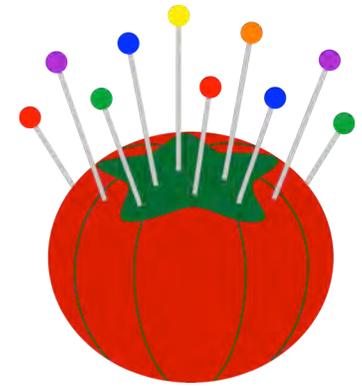
I can't believe that I'm going to say this already. This last year has gone by so fast. There will not be a meeting in December so you can spend more time with your families. So I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Starting out the New Year and hoping to help you keep your New Years resolution to finish some of your UFOs in January I will be demonstrating how to miter borders.

Happy Stitching!  
Edith Hubbard, *Education Chair*

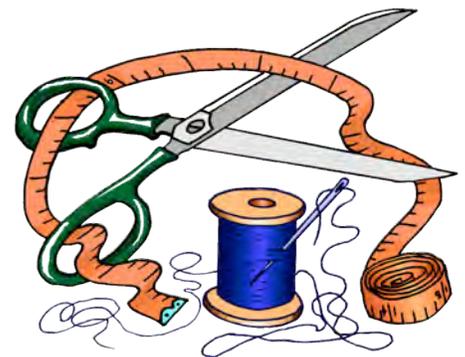
## 2016 Quilt Show News

The **collecting** has begun! Please continue to bring in your gently used **Quilting Books, magazines** 2005-2016 (make sure no pages have been torn out), **Scraps** (Quilt Shop Quality cotton, 2" or bigger pieces), **Boutique items** (\$25 value or less), and **Door Gift card holders** (check size, be sure cards fit). Turn in items at all Guild meetings, just look for the Quilt Show Table. Books and Magazines can go directly into Susan Egner's car.



## A peek at 2015-2016

Month	Speaker
Nov.	In-House
January	Robbie Joy Eklow <a href="http://robbieklow.blogspot.com">robbieklow.blogspot.com</a>
Feb.	Lyric Kinard <a href="http://lyrickinard.com">lyrickinard.com</a>
March	Mary Sorenson <a href="http://MaryAppliques.com">MaryAppliques.com</a>
April	Annual Business Meeting
May	Banquet speaker: Susan Carlson <a href="http://susancarlson.com">susancarlson.com</a>



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**Adopt a Basket!** Calling all Bees, please adopt a theme for a Raffle Basket. Sign up list is at all Guild meetings. Contact Barb Stewart for questions.

**Raffle Quilt Tickets-** All members are expected to buy tickets for our spectacular opportunity Quilt. Sell them to your friends and relatives. Give away as Holiday gifts. Tickets are available for sale at all Guild meetings.

**We need volunteers to take the Opportunity Quilt to other Guilds.** If there is a Guild you would like to visit, let us know and we can help arrange a date. We have several Guilds/Dates needing volunteers. It is a lot of fun visiting other Guilds. Please step up and take our Quilt on a road trip! Check with Kathy Secor to sign up.

**Challenge Quilt-** If you haven't signed up to do the 3D Challenge, Judy Corfield and Claire Erickson are at Guild meetings to sign you up. Don't miss out on this wonderful challenge. Any style of quilt qualifies-it is the fabrics that meet the challenge! It is only \$5 and you get a pair of 3D glasses with your entry. Remember there are cash prizes for the winners!

Our Guild can't present the wonderful programs we have without a successful Quilt Show. Please help out where you can.

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

## Programs and workshops

### November 23 and 24: "Tool Time" – In house program

For November YOU are the program. Come share your favorite tool, and maybe see your next favorite! We will have a shortened business meeting to allow plenty of time for show and tell and visiting at this casual meeting.

**Tool Show and Tell -** Bring a tool you would like to share with the guild. If you have a quilt or block that demonstrates what it does, bring that too.

**Education -** Edith is working on an assortment of tools from unconventional sources. You just might find a new use for something you can find lurking in your basement.

**Ruler Exchange -** Have a ruler you don't need anymore? We'll have a table set up where you can price it and put it up for sale. Bring some cash if you want to shop!

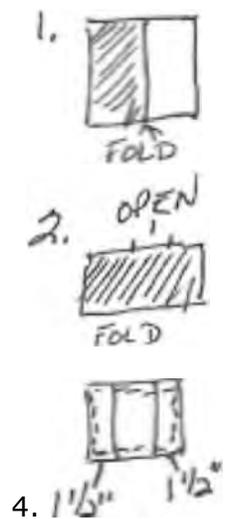
## Card Keeper Door Gift

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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**Holiday Sale** – For November only we will be reducing all workshop prices by \$5, and going forward we will discount the price of all workshops by \$5 the first month it is offered. Sign up early and sign up often! It's not a workshop without YOU! Come learn and laugh with us, you will be glad you did.

## December – No Program Happy Holidays!

### January 25 and 26: Robbi 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.robbielow.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

### February 22 and 23: Lyric Montgomery Kinard

Lyric Montgomery Kinard is an award-winning artist with a passion for sparking the creativity that she knows each of her students possess. With playful support and gentle encouragement she will take you through your first steps on a new path, seeing the world through the eyes of an artist. As an artist, author, and educator she transforms cloth into art in her



#### Art Deco and Flower Fused Components workshop notes

<b>Date</b>	Monday, January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
<b>Hours:</b>	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$65 Members \$75 Non-members
<b>Additional info:</b>	One Free Pattern of your choice included

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studio and timid spirits into confident creatives in the classroom.

Lyric was recognized for her talents as the 2011 International Association of Professional Quilters Teacher of the Year and is the author of the book *Art + Quilt: design principles and creativity exercises*. She has written extensively for *Quilting Arts Magazine*, appeared on *Quilting Arts TV*, and has two DVD Workshops, *Surface Design Sampler Platter*, and *Bead It Like You Mean It*. She has studied with many well-known textile artists around the country and continues to expand her skills in the area of surface design. She has a BA in English Literature from the University of Utah and has also formally studied music and architecture. She currently lives in Cary, North Carolina with her husband and some of their five children.



<http://lyrickinard.com/>

## February Workshops

### The Elements of Art for Quilters

Kick-start your creativity and learn about the basic elements of good design through a series of short, hands-on exercises. Learn why some colors fizz while others explode, why some quilts calm and some excite. A few simple tools from the artists kit will help you take your work, whether traditional or contemporary, to the next level.

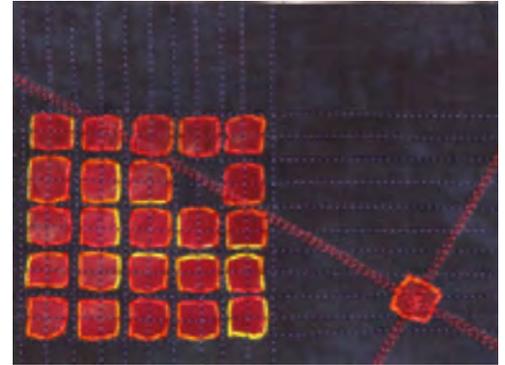
### Creative Collaborative Collage

Ready for some fast and frenetic fun with fabric? Join IAPQ 2011 Teacher of the Year, Lyric Kinard for a few fabulous hours playing design games that will lead to the creation of at least three fabric postcards. Come ready to make new friends, laugh, share, and make some ART!

Joanne Sattler, 2015-2016 Program VP

## Spring Retreat 2016

Want Time for Fellowship While Sewing? Please consider taking time to sew with fellow quilters! PSQG is sponsoring a sewing weekend March 10-13th, 2016 at Marytown Retreat Center in Libertyville. This retreat center is beautiful and spacious. We can start arriving at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> with a complimentary lunch on this day. Even if you work, you can still



### The Elements of Art for Quilters workshop notes

<b>Date</b>	Monday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016
<b>Hours:</b>	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$65 Members \$75 Non-members



### Creative Collaborative Collage workshop notes

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2016
<b>Hours:</b>	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$40 Members \$50 Non-members

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come on Friday March 11th. A three-night stay is \$319 and a two-night stay for \$219. The meals that are included are: lunch and dinner Thursday, breakfast /lunch/dinner Friday and Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. You will be warmly welcomed whenever you arrive at this sewing event! Please join us to get to know fellow PSQG members!

For more information contact: Diane Moore at (847) 269-7058, write me at 1631 S. 4th place, ST. Charles, IL 60174, or email me at [hdmoore7058@comcast.net](mailto:hdmoore7058@comcast.net) Looking forward to sewing with new and old friends, see you there!

Diane Moore, *Spring Retreat 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

### 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*

## Happy birthday to ...



Eva Wood	Dec. 3
Carole Bates	Dec. 5
Beverley Enright	Dec. 5
Diane Kelsey	Dec. 5
Susan Egner	Dec. 6
Rita Pennington	Dec. 6
Sue Wauer	Dec. 7
Merna Cunningham	Dec. 8
Diane Sanfillippo	Dec. 8
Ella May Goshen	Dec. 13
Alissa Kantola	Dec. 14
Linda LoBianco	Dec. 19
Diana Sharp	Dec. 19
Linda Brodine	Dec. 21
Connie Kuykendall	Dec. 21
Jean Hed	Dec. 22
Dawn Schultz	Dec. 22
Beth Hoffman	Dec. 23
Judy Scheppach	Dec. 28
Nancy Cleckner	Dec. 30
Marla Margelewski	Jan. 1
Jane Phillips	Jan. 1
Barbara Lies	Jan. 7
Mindy Bosso	Jan. 8
Diane Martin	Jan. 10
Judi Werkema	Jan. 12
Lori Smalarz	Jan. 17
Jo Fritter	Jan. 19
Marcia Cameron	Jan. 20
Karen Kennedy	Jan. 23
Chris Schwarz	Jan. 23
Diane Evinger	Jan. 24
Marion Schindwein	Jan. 24
Angelika Brinkmann-Busi	Jan. 24
Linda Santoro	Jan. 25
Nancy Gambrel	Jan. 27
Peggy Kotecki	Jan. 28
Barbara Stewart	Jan. 29

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### Non-board positions

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

\*Indicates Co-Chairs

### Community Projects

Join us for an open sew on Monday, November 23 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Bring your machine and enthusiasm! We will have projects ready to sew. We are in need of 2-1/2" strips that read as solids to use as sashing for the "bingo blocks". If you have any you are willing to donate, bring them along.

We would like to thank Gwyneth Johnsen, Laurel Kiburg and Emilie Pollman for the completed projects they returned at the October meeting.

Thanks for your support!

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

### Be the Bee – This Thanksgiving

In sports they tell you to – be the ball, be the bat (baseball); be the ball, be the club (golf); be the puck, be the stick (hockey); just be the ball (basketball). Doing this makes you focus on your action to win the game.

"There's a force in the universe that makes things happen. All you have to do is get in touch with it. Stop thinking, let things happen . . ." and in Bee-land, you just need to – **Be the Bee!** Hey, it won't hurt, and you have nothing to lose but so very much to gain. What would you gain? Think about it. You gain focus on your projects which makes you do a better job – look how much I've accomplished; focus on your end results – wow, look at the number of projects I've completed; focus on your techniques – how I've improved in my craft; focus on your socialization – who would have guessed I could make this many friends! It's a win-win situation. You might even be in danger of getting some of your holiday projects accomplished. This month you certainly don't want to – BE the TURKEY . . . now do you!

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**



## **PGSG November 2015**

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To help you along with this new focus, maybe one of the following Bees could be for you.

- Applique Bee – meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Batavia
- Art Quilt Bee – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m., Batavia
- Embroidery Bee – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Winfield
- General Bee – meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m., Geneva
- General Bee – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Batavia
- Scrappy Bee – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Batavia
- Scrappy Bee – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Batavia

*\*\*Bees hoping to add a couple of new members.*

*\*\*General Bee – meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m., members' homes*

*\*\*Hand Quilting Bee – meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., St. Charles*

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

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/west-side location

Longarm Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

Modern Bee (night time) – 4 on the list

Quilt Bee (night time) – 2 on the list

Let's Do (or Go) Bee/General – in progress

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

*Dawn Schultz, Beekeeper*



## Recipe of the Month

### Snickers Poke Cake



#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 box Devil's Food cake mix - (ingredients needed to make cake, eggs, oil & water)
- 1 jar caramel ice cream topping
- 3 Snickers candy bars
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- Chocolate and Caramel syrup, for drizzling

#### **Directions:**

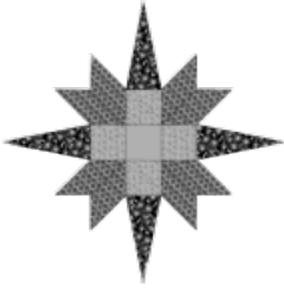
Prepare cake according to box directions. As soon as the cake comes out of the oven, begin poking holes into the cake, using a fork. You want the holes big enough for the caramel sauce to get down into. I'm using this meat fork that makes nice size holes. If all you have is a regular fork, then as you poke the fork down, twist it just a little to make a larger hole.

Pour jarred caramel sauce over warm cake. Using the back of a spoon or an offset spatula, spread sauce and gently push it down into the holes.

Now, let the cake *cool completely* before moving onto the next step. Once the cake is cooled, start preparing the topping. Chop up the 3 Snickers bars into bite size pieces.

Add chopped Snickers to thawed whipped topping. Stir well. Then spread topping onto cooled cake. Finish by drizzling cake with chocolate and caramel syrup.

<http://www.thecountrycook.net/2013/06/snickers-cake.html>



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