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From the Morning Vice President...

I believe its finally here....Spring! With temperatures in the fifties and sixties there is this feeling of newness everyday. Less coats to wear, longer walks outside and more trips to the quilt store to see the newest fabrics. Have you noticed that the quilts we're working on tend to be more Spring like, as well?

As we turn the page into a new season, I must point out a few upcoming items of guild business. First off, our annual business meeting will be held in April (no morning meeting) with the second edition of our ever-popular garage sale (see further down). At this meeting we will be voting in the new slate of officers for the 2016-2017 year. We will also be voting to approve the newly proposed by-law changes that will be posted on our website. Please view both of these before our vote in April. The guild will be giving away complimentary tickets to the Rosemont show but you must be in attendance to win one.

Lots of things to do in the quilts world....upcoming shows, new Internet challenges, and workshops. By the way, Teresa will have sign ups for the first workshop in June. Check out her entry in this newsletter. Our quilt show is only seven months away, so keep on stitching! Enjoy this lovely time of year and check out all our guild has to offer!

Cindy Krelle, Morninging Vice President

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Next newsletter deadline:

April 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Send info to Alissa Kantola at joy14@hotmail.com.

PSQG Annual Business Meeting

The Guild's Annual Business meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016, beginning at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

We will begin the evening with several business items of which one is the election of Officers for 2016-2017 and the other being the approval of the Guild's Bylaws.

We all know the importance of the Guild's BODs. So, please show your support for the Board by attending the Annual Meeting and voting for the proposed slate of Officers for 2016-2017.

Also, every three years the PSQG's Bylaws come up for review to ensure that they are accurate and represent the goals and intentions of the Guild. This year's Committee has been extremely thorough in reviewing and updating the Bylaws. I believe you will find the Bylaws much easier to read and understand. Please note, the Board has had several discussions regarding items that have been in the Bylaws, but are identified as Policies. Therefore, items have been removed from the Bylaws and will become part of the Guild's Policies and this will occur upon approval of the Bylaws.

You can find the proposed Bylaws on our website, www.psqq.org, and then look under the Guild Info tab. Please take a minute to review the 2016 Proposed Bylaws and be prepared to approve them in April.

After we finish the Business portion of our meeting, get ready to visit member's sale tables and purchase some extra special goodies from your sister quilters. Members will also be showing antique quilts they have from family members or have been able to collect.

It will be a fun evening and I promise to keep the business portion brief so you can sign up for some 2016-2017 workshops and purchase some great quilting items.

See you at the April meeting.

Joyce Jaksa, *President*



Quilter's Garage Sale

Sign up with Joanne Sattler at the March meeting or by email, joanne.sattler@gmail.com, for a free half or full table to sell your unwanted quilting supplies.

Antique Quilt Show & Tell

When we come together for the Annual Business Meeting we generally do not have Show and Tell at the meeting, but this year we are having a special Show and Tell of Antique Quilts. Bring up to three quilts to share along with their story.

A peek at 2016

Month	Speaker
March	Mary Sorenson MaryAppliques.com
April	Annual Business Meeting
May	Banquet speaker: Susan Carlson susancarlson.com

From the Membership Table

We have some celebrities among us. In April, at the International Quilt Festival in Rosemont, please check out the special exhibit *Traditional Midwest Quilts 2016*. Three of our members have quilts that have been selected to appear in this exhibit. They are Judy Scheppach, Mary Stewart and Susan Strasser. What an honor for these ladies and our guild!

INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL, ROSEMONT

The guild has obtained some complimentary tickets to the International Quilt Festival in Rosemont. At both chapter meetings, you will be able to enter a raffle for a ticket. The winners will be drawn on Tuesday during the break. If you entered at the night meeting and win, you will be contacted and the ticket mailed to you.

DUES ALERT

I'm afraid it's that time of year again. No, not holiday shopping, not taxes, but it's time to renew your dues. Our calendar year runs from June 1 to May 31. Please go to our website and under the membership tab, you'll find the new membership form. Print it and mail it to the address on the form or bring it to the next meeting. We will also have forms at the membership table. Dues are still \$35.00, which is only \$3.18 a meeting. Such a deal!!

NAME BADGES

Did you ever have a brain cramp and forgot the name of the lady next to you at guild? We are all encouraged to wear name badges, but often we forget them at home or we don't have one. A good start would be to put them in your car's glove compartment. You may wear any kind of name badge – one bought from us or one made by you.

To encourage the wearing of name badges, we're going to start something new in June – our new year. When you arrive at the membership table ***with your name badge on***, you get your name placed in a bowl. If you forget your name badge, you'll be asked to put a quarter in the bowl. Before the meeting is adjourned, a name will be drawn to see who wins all the quarters! If you would like to make our official "Prairie Queen" name badge, there will be patterns at the membership table. So please wear your badge and take a chance on winning some extra money for fabric, of course!

Chris Berry and Juanita Brook, *Membership Chairs*

Education Table

I have to make a quilt for one of my niece's sons. The quilt is made up of all half square triangles so I thought it would be nice to share some way of making them.

One of my favorite ways is to make them a little larger and square them up for a perfect half square triangle with a Bloc Loc ruler, you know it is all about the tools. www.blocloc.com I'll show you how to use this ruler to make perfect triangles in March.

Come to the annual meeting this April. We will be having a garage sale. Do some spring-cleaning in your sewing studio and sign up for a table and sell those unwanted or duplicate items.

I look forward to May for our Banquet and the wonderful workshops, speakers, and of course the food. This year we have Susan Carlson. Unleash your inner artist and sign up for one of her fabric collage workshops. I'm looking forward to her talk at banquet.

If there is anything I have not previously covered at the Education Table that you would like to see let me know. Or if you have a talent you would like to show the members I can schedule you for a month of show and tell. Just send me your ideas and I'll do my best to come up with a program.

jnehubbard@prodigy.net

Happy Stitching!

Edith Hubbard, *Education Chair*

2016 Quilt Show News

The raffle basket themes we are highlighting this month are Christmas and batiks. If you can, please bring in an item that would fit nicely into a basket with one of those themes. We could use fat quarters or fabric strips, thread, an appropriate book or pattern, a small project, or something else you think would be fun. Thanks again to all the people who brought lovely items for the boutique and who brought all of the scraps, books, magazines, and patterns to be sold at the show. We also still need more of the card keeper door gifts if you have time to make a few.

We still have a few slots available (12-2 and 2-4) for volunteers for the Rosemont show on Saturday, April 9. This would be white glove duty for the show itself, not selling raffle quilt tickets. Please let Kathy Secor or Chris Schwarz know if you

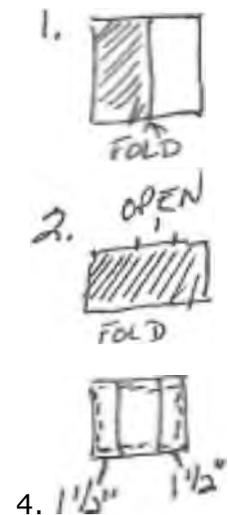
Card Keeper Door Gift

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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are interested in volunteering. You do get into the show for free!

Keep working on those wonderful quilts!

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

Programs and workshops

March 28 and 29: Mary Sorensen



Our March speaker, Mary Sorensen, is a former PSQG member who currently resides in Florida. Specializing in traditional fine hand appliqué done from her original patterns, Mary's distinctive design style is characterized by elegant, formal lines, complex layering of small pieces, and an emphasis on using a

myriad of fabrics to create visual texture and excitement. Her flawless appliqué technique, and humorous, hands-on approach to teaching have motivated students to return to handwork with enthusiasm.

Mary has taught and lectured at guilds and conferences throughout the United States, and designs and markets a full line of appliqué patterns sold in quilt shops across the country. In addition to exhibiting at the AQS annual show in Paducah, KY, and Quilt Expo VI in Innsbruck, Austria, Mary's appliqué was recognized with a blue ribbon at the IQA annual show in Houston, TX. Her work has also appeared in the AQS Quilt Art Engagement Calendar, *Traditional Quiltworks* magazine, *American Patchwork and Quilting* magazine, *Better Homes and Gardens Quilt-Lovers' Favorites* and in the Fairfield Processing Corporation ads. Check out her website at <http://maryappliques.com/>.

March Workshops

What's the Buzz?

This whimsical new design incorporating a dragonfly and a busy bee circling a bright summer flower is a great project to explore advanced techniques for precision hand appliqué. Refine your skills as you work with small, complex shapes, smooth curves, and precision placement. Learn a little about using specialty fabrics in hand appliqué. Students must have a comfortable knowledge of hand appliqué. Skill Level: Intermediate to advanced Emphasis: Needleturn technique



What's the Buzz?

Date	Monday, March 28 th , 2016
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$60 Members \$70 Non-members



Spectacular Blooms

Date	Tuesday, March 29 th , 2016
Hours:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$45 Members \$55 Non-members

Spectacular Blooms

Make your next floral appliqué project come alive. Working with floral appliqué designs in a paste-up format, students will learn to use a wide variety of fabrics freely to shade flowers, creating depth, excitement, and textural interest. Note: Photo is an illustration of the type of fabric shading students will be working with. It does not represent a class project. Skill level: Intermediate to advanced Emphasis: Fabric selection, this class does NOT involve sewing.

April 25: Annual Business Meeting

May 23: Annual Banquet: Susan Carlson

Susan Carlson is an artist by birth, a teacher by calling, and an author by choice. She has been developing and practicing her own technique of fabric collage quilting for over thirty years, teaching it for 20 years, and has written two books describing it (Freestyle Quilts and Serendipity Quilts). Each year she travels around the country and internationally helping hundreds of students to discover and set free the quilt artist inside. Her quilts have won awards from the American Quilter’s Society and the International Quilt Festival. Susan is a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art. [http:// www.susancarlson.com](http://www.susancarlson.com)



May Workshops

What Goes Around Comes Around

Learn Susan's fabric collage method using a simple yet dynamic spiral as your subject. This abstract project will give you a complete overview of the technique, which can then be used for more complex subjects. Skills covered include: piecing, gluing, quilting, and finishing.



What Goes Around Comes Around

Date	Sunday, May 22 nd , 2016
Hours:	12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Cost:	\$65 Members \$75 Non-members
Location:	Christ Our Savior Church 0S501 Summit Dri., Winfield, IL



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Cutting Loose – 2 Day Workshop

Cutting Loose demonstrates a looser approach to the piecing and assembly of a wall quilt. Emphasis will be placed on the collage piecing process. Patterns or templates will not be used. Instead, students will sketch their design onto a foundation fabric and fill in the design with fabrics of their choice. This encourages playfulness, serendipity, and a willingness to "cut loose." Due to time constraints, students need to create a fish, butterfly, or bug. Designs will be available from Susan for a small fee.

Joanne Sattler, 2015-2016 Program VP

A Barn Bust'in Workshop!

It's time to kick-off the 2016-17 Program year with open registration for our June workshop with quilt barn trailblazer, Suzi Parron! Beginning at your March guild meeting you are welcome to register for the Barn Quilt Painting Workshop where you create your own painted quilt block! Here are some details...

When: Monday, June 27, 1-4pm

Where: Bethlehem Lutheran

Registration fee: \$25 (payable to PSQG at signup)

Kit fee: \$40 (payable to Suzi Parron at workshop)

Supply/Info Sheet will be given at paid registration.

Depending on your design, you will leave with a finished 2' x 2' quilt block or with one last color (that is provided) to add at home. Come and join us for this "come as you are" workshop and leave with your own piece of the trail!! If you have any questions, please email me at tkasch@comcast.net or contact the trail boss, Chris Berry, at cberry1022@att.net

Head 'em up! Move 'em out!!

Teresa Kasch, 2016-17 Programs Chair

2016-2017 Nominations

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors for the Prairie Star Quilters Guild.

Executive Board:

President: Sharron Evans

Vice-Presidents Programs: Teresa Kasch and Chris Berry

Vice-President, Evening: Susie Wing

Vice-President, Daytime: Cindy Krelle

Secretary: Diane Hubberts

Happy birthday to ...



Kay Brynelsen	Apr. 2
Gwyneth Johnsen	Apr. 2
Kay Nolan	Apr. 2
Emilie Pollman	Apr. 8
Sandie Bils	Apr. 13
Sue Pawlowski	Apr. 13
Betsy Stoughton	Apr. 13
Naomi Payne	Apr. 14
Linda Harlson	Apr. 16
Diana Nelson	Apr. 19
Denise Kellett	Apr. 23
Jayne Hested	Apr. 26
Elvira Illig	Apr. 27
Jan Karnstedt	Apr. 28
Lynn Murphy	Apr. 29
Sharon Simms	Apr. 30

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Treasurer: Sue Balsiger

Contracts 2017-2018: Teresa Kasch

Board of Directors:

Activities: Diane Moore and Barbara Stewart

Beekeeper: Dawn Schultz

Community Projects: Rita Pennington

Education: Edith Hubbard

Library: Janet Miller and Beth Reuter

Membership: Susan Egnor (am)

Sue Hedke (am)

Diane Swaney-Smith (pm)

Joyce Jaksa (am/pm)

Media: Yvonne Richter

Newsletter: Diane Moore

Nominations: Susan Strasser

Quilt Show Chairs 2016: Chris Schwarz*, Leslie Nyckel*

Assistant Co-Chair 2016: Joyce Jaksa

Quilt Show Chairs 2018: Joyce Jaksa*, Susie Wing*, Chris Schwarz*

*Indicates Co-Chairs

May Banquet: Monday May 23rd

It is time to think about our Spring Banquet that will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016. Our guest speaker will be Susan Carlson. The banquet will be held at the Gaslite Manor Banquet. This is a time when we can all put on our party dresses, relax and enjoy a great social evening with one another.

I will be asking one person to serve as the group's coordinator, the same as last year to:

- Complete a Group Sign-up Sheet (available on the website or at the chapter meeting.)
- Collect money from the group
- Turn in the sheet and money together

This ensures that all those in a group can be at the same table. The tables can seat eight, nine, or ten. If there are less than eight in your group please complete a sign up sheet. If you are not in a group, please sign up at the Activities table.

Dinner choices are:

- Broiled Breast of Chicken Masala
- Broiled Alaskan Cod Filet
- Vegetarian Lasagna

There will be a cash bar starting at 6:00 pm and dinner will be



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served at 7:00 pm. The tickets for the dinner will be \$35.00. Location of the Gaslite Manor Banquet is 2485 Church Road, Aurora, Illinois. Sign up for the banquet at the Chapter meetings or you can contact Barbara Stewart at barbarastewartone@gmail.com or 630-406-0445.

Barbara Stewart, Banquet Coordinator

From the Bee Keeper

When they **Bee-gin** the **Bee-guine**,
It brings back the sound of music so tender,
It brings back a night of tropical BEE splendor. . .

At this time of the year, my thoughts tend to dream of warm southern islands in the sun. And I thought that we could certainly have Bees there. . . wouldn't that Bee such a tropical splendor! Sitting and drinking Mai Tais and Pina Coladas while working at our Bee. I'm sure this is a popular dream for anyone in the Midwest! But, hey, even though this was a lovely dream, I just thought I could still enjoy my favorite drinks (probably water, tea or pop would be better) up here in the Midwest while at a Bee. The only thing is I'll just have to wear warmer clothing (ugh).

So, no matter where you are (in your dreams or reality) just remember that belonging to a Bee is always in style. And you want to be stylish, don't you! So, check out the following Bee listings to find your style.

P.S. I just found out that "Beguine" is actually a dance! I always thought it was a word they made up just for the song (duh).

Opened Bees

- Art Quilt Bee – meets 3rd Wednesday evening/month at 7:00 p.m., Batavia
- Embroidery Bee/Twisted Threads – meets 2nd Thursday/month at 10:00 a.m., Winfield
- General Bee – meets 1st Monday evening/month at 7:00 p.m., Geneva
- General Bee/Let's Bee Friends – meets 3rd Wednesday/month at 10:00 a.m., St. Charles
- Knitting Bee/Knit Wits – meets 2nd Monday/month at 12:30 p.m., St. Charles
- Scrap Bee/Scrap Hunters – meets 2nd Wednesday/month at 10:00 a.m., St. Charles



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- Scrap Bee/Scraps II – meets 3rd Friday/month at 10:00 a.m., Winfield
- Travelling Bee/Quilters on the Go – get together only when traveling

Bees hoping to add a couple of new members

- *General Bee/Mavans – meets 1st Monday/month at 9:30 a.m., members' homes*
- *Dear Jane Bee – meets 3rd Sunday/month at 1:00 p.m., Bartlett*
- *Longarm Bee/LamBees – meets 3rd Thursday/month, 10:00 a.m., North Aurora*

Bees waiting to happen!

- Art Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list
- Embroidery Bee (daytime) – 3 on the list for a central to west-side location
- EQ Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list
- Hand Stitching Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list
- Longarm Bee (night time) – 1 on the list
- Modern Bee (daytime/night time) – 1 for daytime; 3 on the list for night time
- Quilt Bee (night time) – 2 on the list
- Scrap Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list; wants to meet at each other's homes

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

Dawn Schultz, Beekeeper

Recipe of the Month



Oatmeal Crème Pie Cookie Cake

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 Tbs molasses
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups flour

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

[Bloomington Hands All Around Quilt Guild Show](#)

April 1-2 - Bloomington, IL

[Decatur Quilters Guild](#)

April 1-2 – Decatur, IL

[Hands All Around Quilt Guild](#)

April 1-2, Bloomington, IL

[Fischer Farm Quilt Show](#)

April 2-3 – Bensenville, IL

[Salt Creek Quilters Guild](#)

April 2-3 – Hindsdale, IL

[International Quilt Festival](#)

April 7-9 – Rosemont, IL

[Faithful Circle Quilters Show](#)

April 14-16 – Lisle, IL

[Amish Country Quilt Show](#)

April 21-22 – Arthur, IL

[Riverwalk Quilters Show](#)

May 13-14 – Naperville, IL

[Annual Quilt Show](#)

May 13-15 – Bishop Hill, IL

[Spring Fiber Fling](#)

May 14-15 – Woodstock, IL

[Midwest Heritage Quilt Show](#)

July 1-31 – Danville, IL

Resource Site:

http://quiltersresources.net/quiltshows_il.html

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- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups quick cooking oats

Marshmallow Buttercream

- 1 cup butter
- 1 (7oz) jar marshmallow fluff
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350.
- Butter and flour 2 9" round cake pans.
- In bowl cream to your butter and sugars until light and fluffy, about 2-3 minutes.
- Mix in your molasses and vanilla.
- One at a time add your eggs, mixing well after each addition.
- In separate bowl combine your flour, salt, baking soda and cinnamon.
- Mix into your wet mixtures.
- Once combined, fold in your oats.
- Pour batter evenly between the two prepared pans.
- Bake for about 20 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.
- Remove from oven and let cool in pan.
- Meanwhile to make buttercream beat your butter until light and fluffy.
- Add your marshmallow cream and beat for about 2-3 minutes until it is well combined.
- Add your powdered sugar and vanilla and mix until combined. You shouldn't need to but you can add 1-2 Tbsp. of cream or milk for thinner consistency.
- Remove cakes from pan and place one on cake stand or serving tray.
- Spread 1/2 the frosting mixture on top of cake.
- Top with other cake and spread remaining frosting on top of that.

Recipe source: <http://tornadoughalli.com/2016/02/oatmeal-cream-pie-cookie-cake/>



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Go to www.quilts.com for more information
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Are you a Quilt Professional?

Did you know that you must claim your income on your tax return for your Quilt Business?



Do you know all the deductions that you are allowed for your quilting business?

Things like:

- ◆ Depreciation on your sewing machine(s)
- ◆ Office in the home - or should I say "studio" in your home? including a portion of your utilities, house insurance, maintenance and more.
- ◆ Supplies: iron, rulers, notions, rotary cutter, cutting mats, scissors, etc.
- ◆ Classes / seminars
- ◆ Mileage for business
- ◆ Show fees
- ◆ Books, subscriptions, memberships & dues
- ◆ Perhaps quilt samples
- ◆ Materials for quilts sold
- ◆ Cellphone for your business
- ◆ Travel expenses
- ◆ Advertising
- ◆ Internet costs
- ◆ Client gifts and much, more.

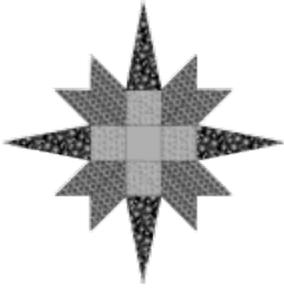
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