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From the Evening Vice President...

Well, here we are in April already, a busy time for many things quilty! The Guild's annual business meeting is on deck for this month's single meeting. Please be there if at all possible as we elect the new board, approve the new budget, sign -up for the annual banquet [deadline April 29], and register for the next guild year workshops. Also, do not forget to renew your guild membership as you **MUST** be a member to enter quilts in the show this fall. The membership form is available on the Guild's website so some with form and check in hand to the meeting.

In addition to the business portion of our meeting, there will be time for socializing over treats and a sharing of antique quilts owned by various members. I look forward to seeing many of you on the 25th.

Susie Wing, Evening Vice President



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Next newsletter deadline:

May 5, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Send info to Alissa Kantola at joy14@hotmail.com.

From the Membership Table – 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!!

Chris Berry and Juanita Brook, *Membership Chairs*

Education Table

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. We will also have an Antique Quilt Show and Tell from our members collections. I'm looking forward to the story that go with them.

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.

June will start our new year. Over the summer I will help you get your quilts ready for the quilt show in October. In June we will discuss getting your back ready for the quilter whether the quilter is you or someone else.

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

Can you believe the quilt show is only 6 months away? Are your quilts finished? I confess mine are still works in progress. Remember, the entry forms are on the website and

A peek at 2016

Month	Speaker
April	Annual Business Meeting
May	Banquet speaker: Susan Carlson susancarlson.com



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are due by July 31. One 3-D Challenge Quilt has already been turned in!

We will have a table at the April meeting as usual to sell raffle quilt tickets (have you purchased your \$20 of tickets yet?) and accept your generous donations of boutique items, raffle basket items, scraps, and books/magazines/patterns. At the banquet in May we will not be accepting scraps, books, or magazines due to the logistics of the parking lot and the fact that we will be in our dinner finery. If you took a kit for making some of the card keeper door gifts (or if you are busting some of your own stash to make some), please bring back the finished card keepers so that we can reach our goal of 1200. We currently have about 600. We appreciate all that our members do to make our show successful!

On the topic of raffle baskets, several bees have signed up to make baskets based on Organization and Wool. We also will have 2-3 baskets with items donated by our vendors. In addition, we have chosen about 8 other themes for baskets, so anything you would like to contribute toward any of these themes will help us create some beautiful raffle baskets. The themes are: American Girl (we need clothing items for the doll); New Quilter; Fall (and the fall holidays of Halloween and Thanksgiving); Christmas; Red, White, and Blue; Batiks; Spa; and Wine & Chocolate. Items we could use include fabric, thread, books or patterns, and finished "quilty" items. Be creative in thinking of what you would enjoy winning in a basket with that theme.

Thanks to Joyce Jaksa, Susie Wing, and Chris Schwarz for agreeing to chair the 2018 quilt show.

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

Programs and workshops

April 25: Annual Business Meeting

Quilter's Garage Sale

Set up begins at 6pm for those who have reserved table space. Shopping begins at 6:30. Be sure to bring cash or your checkbook so you can pick up a deal or two!

Antique Quilt Show and 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.

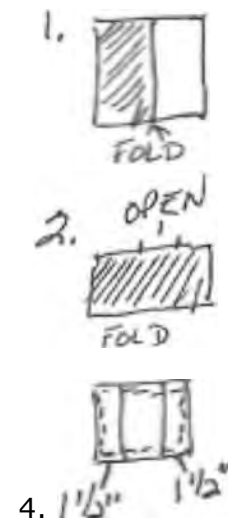
Card Keeper Door Gift

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.



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)



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



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.

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

Upcoming July Workshop

On the Street Where She Lives...goes the song from the musical



Cutting Loose

Date	Monday-Tuesday, May 23-24, 2016
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$130 Members \$150 Non-members
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Charles, IL

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My Fair Lady and so goes the inspiration for your July workshop offering - now OPEN for registration!! Maholo by Sherri McConnell (a fair lady!) is a brand new pattern - debuting at this Spring's Quilt Market! Inspired by a much-loved McConnell family quilt and named after the street Sherri lives on, Maholo, in it's full size is 60" x 60"...but there is also a mini version for lovers of the small quilt! The pattern will be available for you to purchase at the workshop.

Sherri has a great technique for making this block, so don't let the curves give you hives! You can expect to complete one of the nine blocks in this 3-hour workshop! Now!... what can be better than spending the day with a Moda fabric designer, blogger extraordinaire, pattern designer, Etsy shop owner, and so much more....oh...ice cream...yes! Following your workshop will be our guild's Ice Cream Social with Sherri presenting her lecture, A Quilting Life and trunk show...now that's pretty much a very fair day!

P.S. Want to see more Mahalo (called FunFare for the article)...visit Sherri's blog at:
www.aquiltinglife.com/2015/11/a-favorite-quiltand-profile.html

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
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

Happy birthday to ...



Sharron Evans	May 1
Melinda VanDril-Bier	May 1
Jen Beatty	May 3
Connie Gaston	May 10
Debbie Long	May 10
Ruth Marsh	May 10
Lynn Fick	May 11
Judy Gould	May 11
Kim Sceggel	May 11
Loraine Miranda	May 11
Cathy Lorenz	May 12
Catherine Urnezis	May 13
Sister Trish Villarreal	May 15
Barbara Gillespie	May 16
Mary Kline	May 16
Susie Shaddle	May 16
Caron Carlson	May 18
Lorraine Malecki	May 18
Barbara Burdette	May 22
Krista Katzen	May 22
Mary Zenger	May 22
Mary Ryan	May 24
Susan Wing	May 27
Mary Gehrke	May 28
Dorothy Andrews	May 30

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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

This is a reminder that we only have one Guild meeting to sign up for the May Banquet. The location of Banquet will be at the **Gaslite Manor Banquet Hall, 2485 Church Road, Aurora, Illinois**. There will be a social starting at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm and after dinner the speaker is Susan Carlson. The cost is \$35.00 and there will be a cash bar.

The dinner choices are:

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

We will be collecting for Lazarus House in St. Charles this year for our charity. You can go to Lazarus House web site to see their needs. If you would like to give a cash donation we accept that also. Some of the needs are paper towels, 13 & 30 gallon garbage bags, canned goods will also be accepted.

If you cannot make the April Guild meeting and you would like to sign up for the Banquet you contact me at:

Barbara Stewart
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North Aurora, Illinois 60542
630-406-0445
barbarastewartone@gmail.com

Barbara Stewart, Banquet Coordinator

Community Projects

Be sure to get your completed projects back to us so your name is included in the raffle for a free membership for the coming year! We will have a limited number of kits available at the April meeting and will collect at both the April meeting and the May banquet.

Debbie Long and Kathy Secor, *Community Projects*



Which BEE for ME?

Personally, I would pick just about all of them plus a few waiting to happen. The only problem with that is. . .I'd really need some time to sleep, eat, pay bills, and shop at quilt stores. What a conundrum!

Well, I'm sure you are feeling the same way, so we'll just have to try to be on the conservative side and only pick a few Bees to join. Hey, how about a Bee a week! That's doable. Wait a minute, I think I'm just about doing that. No wait, I think my third week of the month is open. Oh my, what do I choose, what do I choose to join. I guess I need to sit down and make a list of what I enjoy doing the most. Now here's the tricky part, I like to work on several projects, and they all make me happy. Actually, if it wasn't for attending my Bees, I probably wouldn't have time to work on some of my projects. Gee, I sure love Bees!

Okay, if you can relate to this conundrum, go make your list right now and start your planning. Don't forget, I'm here to help you join a Bee. . .so please see me!*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
- 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*

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

[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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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

Schnibbles

In anticipation of our 2017 Banquet speaker...Carrie Nelson aka Miss Rosie you are invited to ***A Year of Schnibbles!***

Each month, at the chapter meetings and in the newsletter, your Programs Team will reveal the *Schnibble pattern for the next month. (Your first Schnibble offering will be announced at the April Business Meeting!) Make the pattern during the month out of any fabrics of your choosing. Use one line of fabric or make it scrappy. Finish and bring your Schnibble quilt top (need not be quilted) to the next month's chapter meeting Show & Tell and receive a ticket to be placed in our beautiful Schnibble bucket for a chance at prizes at our 2017 Banquet!

Sew Generously of St. Charles has graciously offered to carry our all our Schnibble selections for your purchase! Participate each month or whenever you are able, everyone is welcome to join in! No sign ups, no registrations - just grab your pattern, fabric and start Schnibbling! Any questions? Come see Teresa Kasch or Chris Berry at the Programs Table! We hope you'll join us and become an official Schnibblette!

Teresa Kasch and Chris Berry, Programs



Schnibble

*What the heck is a Schnibble? Schnibbles are patterns for small quilts and projects published by Carrie Nelson of Miss Rosie's Quilt Company

Recipe of the Month



Sweet 'n Crunchy Peanuts

Sweet & Crunchy Peanuts

Ingredients

- 4 cups unsalted peanuts
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup water

Directions

In a large pan or a medium pot, over medium heat, combine the sugar and water. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Add in the peanuts and continue cooking.

Stir frequently. Mixture will get all nice and bubbly. This process will take about 10-12 minutes. You want the syrup mixture to dissolve until it is thick and gooey.

At this point, you'll want to start to preheat oven to 300F degrees.

Once the mixture becomes hard to stir and becomes a super thick, sticky mixture, it is ready for the next step.

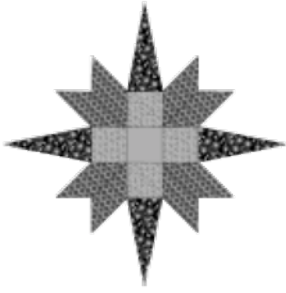
Spread peanuts onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper (this will make it easier to remove later). Spread them out and separate them as best as you can.

Bake in 300F degree oven for about 12-15 minutes, stirring around every 5 minutes. Until peanuts start to look whitish and crystallized-looking.

Take out of oven and allow to cool before storing. These can be stored in an airtight container and will last for months.

Cook's Notes: *If you'd like, you can use lightly salted peanuts if you like that sweet and salty combination of flavors.*

Recipe source: <http://www.thecountrycook.net/2012/01/sugared-peanuts.html>



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