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Message from the President's Desk...

I think we are finally seeing late Spring moving in (Do you think early Spring just got lost). Plants are being planted, lawns are being mowed weekly, baby birds have hatched AND geese and their baby goslings are stopping traffic as they move slowly across streets all perfectly lined up.

Spring brings in our Annual Banquet and I am looking forward to meeting and hearing Susan Carlson.

In a couple of weeks we will see changes within the Guild also. The recently elected Board will begin their jobs and the new line-up of speakers will begin.

I will be changing positions with the beginning of the Guild's new year and I would like to thank all of you, as outgoing President, for all that you have done to keep PSQG the best Guild in the area.

I also want to extend to Sharron Evans, incoming President, the best wishes as she begins her endeavors.

There is a lot coming to PSQG and ask that you make sure to read this month's newsletter as it contains information about the Banquet, upcoming workshops, the Guild's 2016 Show and much much more.

See you all soon.

Joyce Jaksa, President

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Next newsletter deadline:

June 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Send info to Diane Moore at
hdmoore7058@comcast.net.

Message from Membership

REMINDER: Annual membership dues are due by June 1. It is still only \$35.00/ year. Our guest fee to attend a single lecture is \$10.00, so membership is a remarkable bargain for our excellent programming. Please printout & complete the Membership Form from the website and bring it with your payment to the May Banquet, or mail it to Susan Egner at 5751 Audrey Ave; Yorkville, IL 60560.

Susan Egner, Joyce Jaksa, Diane Swaney-Smith, Sue Hedke,
Membership Chairs

Education Table

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.

And don't forget a wonderful educational opportunity. Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar, featuring Ricky, with special guest, Alex Anderson is coming to the Pheasant Run Spa & Resort in St. Charles. October 20-22 2016, 2 ½ days. You can sign up at www.fcquilters.com

Happy Stitching!
Edith Hubbard, *Education Chair*

2016 Quilt Show News

Please be aware that at the banquet we will have raffle tickets for sale, and we will gratefully accept any donations to the raffle baskets or the Boutique. We **WILL NOT** be accepting any scraps, books, magazines, or patterns this month. Please save them for the June meetings.

Are those beautiful quilts finished? We want to encourage every member to enter at least one quilt into the show. You also might want to take a look at the entry forms on our website in case you have any questions about them. The entry forms (with **one** color picture) will be due by July 31. Challenge quilt makers - have you been putting those 3-D glasses to good use? Those quilts are due in September and do not need an entry form.

Also on the website check out the many vendors that Teresa

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.

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.

Barbara Stewart, Banquet
Coordinator



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Kasch and Barb Gillespie have already lined up for our show. You might want to start saving your pennies now!

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

Programs and workshops

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>



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*



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



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

Upcoming June Workshop

We have kicked-off the 2016-17 Program year with open registration for our June thru November workshops! In June we are beginning this journey with quilt barn trailblazer, Suzi Parron! 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

Upcoming July Workshop

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

Schnibbles!

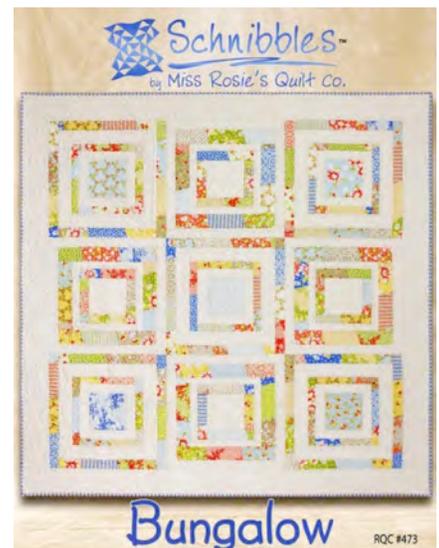
In anticipation of our 2017 Banquet speaker...Carrie Nelson aka

Community Projects

Thank you for all of your time, fabric and talent donated to community projects this past year. The names of everyone that returned completed projects since the January meetings have been added to a drawing and the winner of a Guild membership for the 2016/2017 year will be drawn at the May banquet. Your last chance to get a project turned in and an entry in the drawing is as you enter the banquet!

We really appreciate all you helped our Guild accomplish!

Debbie Long and Kathy Secor,
Community Projects



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Miss Rosie you are invited to A Year of Schnibbles! Here are the details!

Each month, at the chapter meetings and in the newsletter, your Programs Team will reveal the *Schnibble pattern for the next month.

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!

June's Schnibble Pattern is Bungalow!

Teresa Kasch, 2016-17 Programs Chair

2016-2017 Board

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Sue Hedke (am)

Diane Swaney-Smith (pm)

Joyce Jaksa (am/pm)

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Newsletter: Diane Moore

Nominations: Susan Strasser

Happy birthday to ...



Kelly Rosenstiel-Bradstreet	June 2
Kathleen Pool	June 3
Patricia Walsh	June 3
LeeAnn Dhooghe	June 7
Kay Mary Frank	June 7
Susan Hall	June 7
Joyce Schultz	June 7
Cathy Halfpenny	June 9
Nona Phillips	June 9
Beth Allendoerfer	June 10
Linda Dettman	June 11
Elizabeth Coleman	June 12
Kathleen Jayko	June 14
Jacqueline Zydeck	June 17
Betty Losselyong	June 18
Linda Hayes	June 19
Valerie Langue	June 20
Jacque Archambeau	June 21
Violet Kiebert	June 21
Anne Wray	June 21
Susan Strasser	June 23
Ute Murrin	June 25
Louette Butwell	June 26
Barb Tuman	June 27
Diane Carney	June 28
Ginny Wright	June 28
Kay Duy	June 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

Bee that as it May...

What does that really mean. . . simply, "nevertheless". You would think they would just say "nevertheless" wouldn't you. But, Bee that as it May, I really think this is a phrase with subtext. Think about it. It's saying, when it's May, you need to be at a Bee (okay, it's a bit of a stretch, definition-wise). Now if you belong to one then you're ahead of the game, but that doesn't mean you can't join another one or two or three. Now if you don't belong to a Bee (oh horrors!), then you need to get on the ball and sign-up for one (or two or three). Now's the time. Why? Because it's MAY!

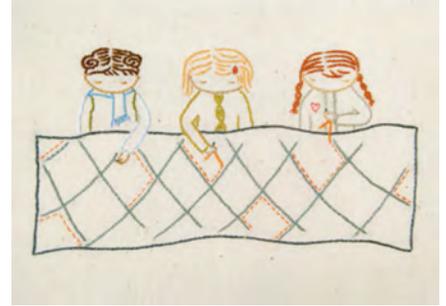
See, logic wins every time. So to help you pick a new Bee or think of one you want to help start, just peruse the following list and come talk to me!

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/Fabricators – meets 1st Monday evening/month at 7:00 p.m., Geneva –Also meets 3rd Wednesday/month at 1:00 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



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

Watermelon Sorbet



Ingredients

- 1 cup Sugar
- 1 cup Water
- 8 cups Seedless Watermelon
- 2 Tbsp Lemon Juice

Directions:

In a small pan, add sugar and water and bring to a boil. Cook until sugar is dissolved, then set aside to cool. Puree watermelon in batches and place in a large bowl. Add sugar syrup and lemon juice and mix well, place in a 13x9 dish, cover and place in freezer until firm. Puree frozen mixture before serving.

Recipe source: <http://cincyshopper.com/4-ingredient-watermelon-sorbet-recipe/>

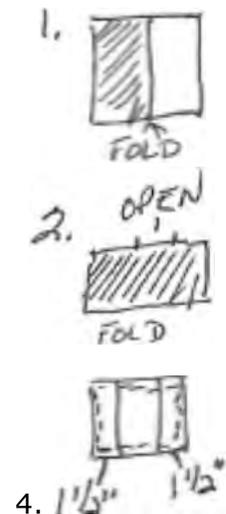
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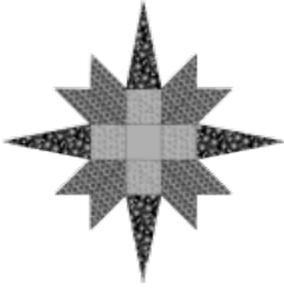
1 – 8 ½ x 8 ½ fabric

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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