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Message from the President's Desk...

Two... Four... Six... Eight... Who do we appreciate? Board members! Board members! Hooray!

Just wanted everyone to know that I certainly appreciate the past years board members and committee gals for all their hard work these past years. Likewise, I look forward to working with the incoming board and committee members as we embark on yet another fantastic year. These folks work their heart out and get paid nothing. It is their love of quilting and sharing their time and talent to make this guild the wonderful group it is. Also hats off to all the others who hostess, work with the quilt show committee and many other informal positions but are just as crucial to keeping the guild running smoothly. Give them all a hip-hip hooray when you see them. ☺

Coming up... there will be a bit of house-keeping. Budget has been approved by the board and Sue, our treasurer, will put together a mini "presentation" to give to the general membership at the August meeting. Also, the approval by the general membership regarding the minutes of the prior years (April 2015) annual business meeting never got finalized and was voted to be tabled at this year's April business meeting. Next thing you know we had our banquet and, what do you know, it's now June. So we will be sending out those minutes for your review and we will vote on them this month. Lastly, the review of the Bylaws along with recommended changes somehow left many members confused and/or in a kerfuffle. I will be putting together a new Bylaw review committee to do another "once over", and we will get those (along with a few policy changes) out to the guild for a vote. If you are

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Next newsletter deadline:

June 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Send it to Diane Moore at
moore.helen@att.net

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interested in sitting on that committee, just catch me at the meeting. Whew.

Now let's talk about this coming year- and WOW! What a year it will be.

June we will be starting our new year. HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET? Membership will be taking a mini-survey regarding retreats. July we have our ice cream social (yum!) and our quilt show will soon be upon us (October)! AND, coming up, we have a full slate of some excellent speakers and workshops! Our service committee has a special surprise planned for later this year. I could go on and on but I will let my TEAM fill you in on various events, programs and other surprises as the year progresses.

So on that note – know that I look forward to working my heart out to keep our guild the best ever! I have some big shoes to fill but I am always up for the challenge! Cheers to the coming year!

You new president,

Sharron Evans

Coming up at the Education Table

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.

I will not have an education presentation in July. Come on Monday evening July 17th, that is one week earlier than normal, to an ice cream social and our speaker Sherri McConnell and as a special treat there is an afternoon workshop. See the program schedule for details.

In August and September, it's back to work. August will be binding your quilt and in September I will have labels and hanging sleeves. I'll show you where to baste your quilt number and what a sleeve should look like. Get those quilt entries ready, as the quilt show is around the corner.

Edith Hubbard, Education Coordinator

May Banquet Report

I want to thank everyone that attended our May Banquet this year. Our speaker Susan Carlson was very interesting and the members that attended her class on Monday enjoyed being in her class. The winner of the gift certificates of \$25.00 each for the Woolkeeper shop was Jan Sharpless, Quilt Merchant was Susan Strasser, Sew Generously was Linda Santora, and Teresa Kasch. Our next Banquet will be Monday, May 22, 2017 and the speaker will be Carrie Nelson, aka Miss Rosie.

Thank you,
Barbara Stewart, Banquet Co-
ordinator

JULY GATHERING

Please join us at 6 P.M. July 18th for our Ice Cream Social before the speaker. It will be a great time to get to know and socialize with other PSQG members and/or potential members. We will serve ice cream and cake until 6:45. At this time, we will give any announcements so that we can have the speaker begin at 7:00 sharp.

QUILT SHOW ENTRIES DUE!

Yes, the deadline for quilt entry forms will come all too quickly now that June has arrived. **The forms (with one color picture) are due no later than JULY 31!** Since there has been a little confusion, let us clarify a few "rules":

1. Each guild member (dues paid) may enter up to 3 quilts into whichever categories they best fit. Of these 3, only 2 can be entered to be judged. In addition to these 3, each member may enter a 3D Challenge Quilt and a Bee Quilt if their bee has had a special project. Challenge Quilts do not need an entry form and are due Sept.

1. Bee quilts do need an entry form.

2. Each quilt (except Challenge Quilts) must have a 4 inch sleeve securely attached at the top of the back of the quilt and a label (including your name) at the lower left corner of the back.

3. We cannot display any quilts that are larger than 96 inches on any side. Sorry, we know they are beautiful.

4. Please, please, please, we would love to have at least one quilt from each member!

The June meetings will bring your first chance to sign up as a volunteer for the quilt show. Check your calendars to see when you could help us make our show a success from set-up on Wednesday and Thursday (Oct. 12 & 13) to working during the show on Friday and Saturday (Oct. 14 & 15).

Liz Coleman, Ginny Wright, and Diane Swaney-Smith have analyzed what they have already received for the Boutique, and discussed requests that were made by shoppers at previous shows. They have expressed a need for these items: Christmas and holiday items (including ornaments), aprons including children's aprons in modern colors, dog coats, American Girls clothes (or a cash donation so that we can purchase a gift card for the raffle basket), pin cushions and thread catchers, mesh or clear project bags, eyeglass cases, bibs, small sweet baby quilts, quilt tool carriers, tool charms, luggage tags, and big bags for carrying your mat, etc. to classes. We appreciate all of the wonderful donated items that you contribute to our beautiful boutique.

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

Community Projects

The Community Projects membership drawing took place at the May banquet and Susie Wing was the lucky winner!

Stay tuned for more information about our Quilts of Valor community projects events for the upcoming year.

June Workshop

THANK YOU!!! Your enthusiastic response to Suzi

Parron's Barn Quilt Painting Workshop was overwhelming!! We appreciate your kicking off this new programs year with such a bang! The June workshop is full to capacity and we look forward to rip roarin' good time with you! If you have any questions, please call the trail boss, Chris Berry or Theresa Kasch, the wagon cook!!

Barn Quilt Painting Workshop

Date	Monday June 27 th , 2016
Hours:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$25 Members \$40 Kit Fee payable to Suzi at workshop
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran Church Guild Meeting Room

July 18, 2016: Summer Gathering Featuring an Ice Cream Social and Speaker

July Brings Sherri McConnell and an Ice Cream Social!

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!! Mahalo by Sherri McConnell (a fair lady!) is a brand new pattern - debuted at this recent Spring Quilt Market! Inspired by a much-loved McConnell family quilt and named after the street Sherri lives on, Mahalo, in its 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!

Upcoming August Speaker and Workshop

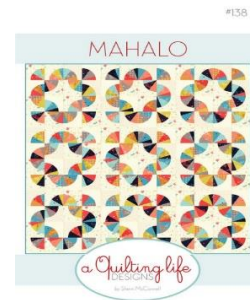
Go Down the Rabbit Hole in August

Children have play dates with their friends. Dogs even have play dates with other dogs. Don't you deserve a play date too? Join Michelle May for a lively adventure down the rabbit hole where she will be your tour guide into the world of Folk Art Fusion®. What's "down the rabbit hole"? Michelle says in her blog that "Quilting and stitching provide the keys to the magical place in my mind known as "down the rabbit hole." It is a place where simple fun and folksiness abound-the looking glass into my imagination".

Our 6-hour play date with Michelle requires just a few things...registration, kit and two pair of scissors!! Register NOW for this exciting option to wool applique featuring an exclusive class design - Peter Pumpkin! Your kit includes everything you need for the class including the complete written pattern...except scissors (one paper, one fabric) . . . now that's what I call a "come as you are" workshop!

Visit Chris and Theresa at the Programs table for your Pumpkin Play Date down the rabbit hole!!! Bunny ears are welcome!!

www.aquiltinglife.com/2015/11/a-favorite-quiltand-profile.html



Mahalo

Date	Monday July 18 th , 2016
Hours:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost:	\$45 Members \$55 Non-Members
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran Church Guild Meeting Room



PETER PUMPKIN WORKSHOP

Date	Monday August 22 nd , 2016
Hours:	9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. lunch option
Cost:	\$45 members, \$55 nonmembers \$35 kit cost
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran Church Guild Meeting Room

Buzzing Bee News

June is busting out all over (sounds like a song to me). . . . because it's summertime and Bees are starting to buzz all around.

So create a Buzz yourself by happily attending your Bee(s) this month or adding another one to your repertoire. Now whether you're going on vacation, enjoying your gardening, or just lazing about this fine summer month, don't forget belonging to a Bee(s) is an added Buzz to your summer. So let's hear all that Buzzing out there! I'm sure our local little Bees (of the insect variety) will start oozing with honey envy when they hear all that Buzzing! Oh well, they'll just have to get their own Beekeeper as I have already made my commitments (or is that I should be committed!).

Enjoy your summer Buzzing!!!

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
- **Long-arm 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
- Long-arm 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

Dawn Schultz, Beekeeper

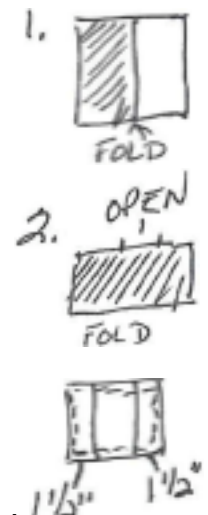
Card Keeper Door Gift

**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.



Schnibbles

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

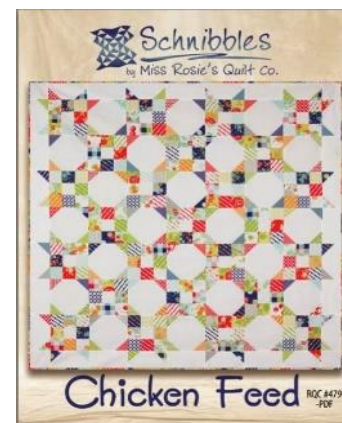
Make the pattern during the month out of any fabrics of your choosing. Use one line of fabric or make it scrappy. Finish and bring your Schnibble quilt top (need not be quilted) to the next month's chapter meeting Show & Tell and receive a ticket to be placed in our beautiful Schnibble bucket for a chance 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!

July's Schnibble Pattern is Chicken Feed!
Teresa Kasch, 2016-17 Programs Chair

Chicken Feed



Happy birthday to ...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anna Sinks	July 2
Susan Bresnahan	July 4
Sherry Geiger	July 5
Ellyn Romoser	July 10
Jean Campbell	July 12
Shanda Pool	July 12
Mary Markee	July 16
Theresa McCann	July 17
Sue Omi	July 18
Pegi Twait	July 19
Shirley Dreis	July 20
Donna Boyd	July 22
Ann Kowalyszyn	July 23
Nancy Garrison	July 26
Ann Miller	July 26
Mary Stewart	July 26
Peggy Martinek	July 29
Barbara Bullock	July 31
Joyce Cooper	July 31
Sherena Titus	July 31

Message from Membership

IMPORTANT: Annual membership dues were due May 31, 2016. You can still sign up for only \$35.00 for the year. Our guest fee to attend a single lecture is \$10.00, so remaining a member is a remarkable bargain for our excellent programming, library, monthly Show and Tell, and much more! Please print and complete the Membership Form found on our website and bring it and your payment to the June meeting, or feel free to mail it to: Susan Egner at 5751 Audrey Ave., YorkvilleP, IL 60560.

Susan Egner, Joyce Jakska, Diane Swaney-Smith, Sue Hedke
Membership Committee

2016-2017 Board

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

*Indicates Co-Chairs

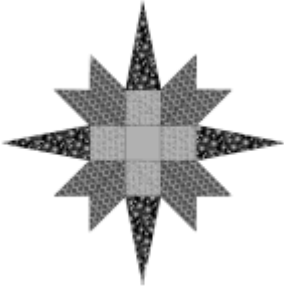


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