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From the Evening VP

Have you taken that big, deep breath, exhaled, and sat down with your feet up...for at least a few minutes? I know I did! Congratulations one and all for a job well done and another successful PSQG show. The tradition continues.

Now it is time to look ahead to the holidays and hopefully, good times with family and friends. November for me it is trying to remember all the family wedding anniversaries! As you plug away at holiday gifts, our Schnibbles challenge and other projects, you might want to begin contemplating how you might participate in the Guild's Quilts of Valor activities. Look for details elsewhere in the newsletter under the Community Service heading.

Should you be feeling the itch to flex your creativity, it is never too soon to ponder what might appeal for the 2018 Raffle quilt. The committee will begin more serious thinking after the holidays so dust off you planning tools ladies! ☺

Our guild meetings follow Turkey day by just a few days so as you recover, join us as we host Renee Nanneman. See you all there!

Susie Wing

Evening VP

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Next newsletter deadline:
Friday, January 6th, 2016,
6:00 p.m. Send it to
Diane Moore at
moore.helen@att.net



Community Service Information

A few months ago, we mentioned a program that we would like to do during the NON-Quilt-Show year. Here is a brief description:

The summer gathering event (July 10, 2017) will be held to honor any guild members, family, and/or close friends who are veterans, who have not previously been awarded a quilt of valor. This is for any Veteran who signed on the line to serve.

There are nomination forms at the Community Service table. Please fill out one form per veteran and return it to the Community Service table at guild meetings. [See end of newsletter for a copy] **Now, the fun begins!** **Knowing of the bond between the maker and recipient, you will make the quilt.** We also have at the table the Guidelines for a QOV as to quilt size and type of fabric(s) used. Obviously, quality of work is also important! We want to have an official QOV label applied to each quilt, and as Quilt of Valor is a copy written name, it is important that these guidelines be followed in this instance. We will work with you in completing your quilt. In consideration of the time required by a long-arm quilter, you should aim to have your top to one by the end of April, at the latest, because our July meeting is two weeks earlier than normal. Any questions? See us at the Community table.

Thank you all who have approached the table with a "what can I do attitude", binding, making blocks, joining us at the sew-ins! It is all for our Veterans!!

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Reminder: The following people are collecting other Community Service projects:

dog beds with scraps - Leslie Nyckel, Debbie Long

heart pillows, Karen Lukac, or Gwen Johnsen

fidget quilts - Linda Stoyhoff

kid quilts - Debbie Long



Coming up at the Education Table

November is the last meeting of the year. I will show you different types of marking tools. There is a right way and time to use some of these tools. Hopefully I can show you a new trick.

Education will take a Winter break in December and the guild will too. Share time with Friends and Family for the Christmas Holidays.

January will bring a bright New Year and a guest Educator Yvonne Richter. Thanks to Yvonne for taking my place I'll be back in February.

Edith Hubbard, Education Coordinator

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Wouldn't a retreat to Missouri Star in Hamilton, Missouri make a great present?

Join us for a fantastic time July 16-19. What could be more fun than a retreat in the world's largest quilting center?

Twin bed + bus \$357 (+tax) (beds are in dorm style rooms)

Queen bed + bus \$480 (+tax) by yourself or \$315 if you share the bed

Registration form is available at the PSQG web site <http://psqg.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Registration-Form-Missouri-Star.docx> or at Guild meetings.

See their beautiful facilities by going to <http://blog.missouriquiltco.com/hamilton-visitors-guide-missouri-star-retreat-center/> for pictures and <http://blog.missouriquiltco.com/retreat-center-frequently-asked-questions/> for other information.

MEALS ARE NOT INCLUDED but there is a full kitchen, a grocery store a few doors away, and several restaurants nearby. You are not obligated to take the bus. Subtract \$150 from the prices listed above if you choose to provide your own transportation. The January Guild meeting will be the deadline for signing up as the deposit is due to Missouri Star at that time.

I will be taking registration forms with a \$150 deposit at the November Guild meeting. If you have questions please email yrichter9951@gmail.com or phone me at 630-450-0037.

Yvonne Richter

HINT: You could always print out a few registration forms and leave them lying around.....

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November with Renee Nanneman of Need!Love Books and Andover Fabrics

What a special treat Renee Nanneman has in store for us as we begin our Holiday seasons! Renee, a treasured designer for Andover Fabrics and author of the classic Need!Love books (how many do you own?!) Renee will be here Monday, November 28th (that's AFTER Thanksgiving!) for a full day workshop and two lectures on "Loving Neutrals with a Splash of Color"!

This beautiful workshop project features silk, wool, home dec and embroidery in the most luscious colors and will become your favorite hand project to carry you thru the Holiday season! Call or email your Program Girls (Chris Berry or Teresa Kasch) for the last available seats! A kit is available for purchase at the workshop.

Floral Urn Workshop



Date:	Monday, November 28, 2016
Time:	9am (doors open at 8:30am) to 4pm (Lunch option)
Cost:	\$65 Members, \$75 Non-Members, Kit \$35
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran Church (guild meeting room)

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January with Sara Lawson and Big City Bags!

Come out from under all the holiday chores and make something lovely and useful just for you! Sara Lawson of Sew Sweetness (www.sewsweetness.com) is visiting us January 23 & 24 of 2017 with a lecture on Interfacing and a trunk show of her fabulous bags! On Monday, January 23, join Sara for an all day workshop featuring the Appaloosa Bag! Sara is a fantastic teacher who can teach to a wide range of sewing skills, even those that have never seen a bag before (that would be me)! Let's get organized and ready for a new year of projects with this medium-sized bag featuring unique accordion dividers on the inside, which provides plenty of separate storage space for all of your essentials! The flap features a magnetic snap closure. The strap is adjustable as well, all-in-all giving you a chance to try out several fun features and techniques! The bag finishes at 10 3/4" long x 7 1/2" high x 4" deep.... perfect!



The Appaloosa Bag Workshop

Date:	Monday, January 23, 2017
Hours:	9:00 a.m. (doors open at 8:30) to 4:00 p.m. Lunch Option
Cost:	\$35
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran (guild meeting room)

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February with Gudrun Erla of GE Designs

February can find us longing for the colors of Spring, warm sunshine and any reason to get out of the house!!! Circle February 27 and 28 on your 2017 calendar because we are going to have colorful, warm and inviting visit from Gudrun Erla of GE Designs!

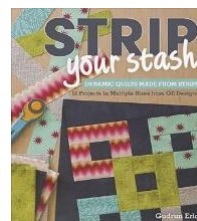
Gudrun loves everything quick and simple, so her quilts might look more complicated than they really are. She loves to find ways to do things quicker and use easier methods. Her patterns have been very popular, with easy to follow instructions and quick assembly and finishing. All her patterns are geared toward today's quilt makers, easy and fast with a modern touch. Gudrun has also been designing fabrics for Red Rooster Fabrics since 2006.

On Monday, February 27 Gudrun will be teaching a full day workshop featuring a focus on 2 different projects from her book *Strip Your Stash*, using the Stripology ruler to cut your fabrics fast and efficiently: Students learn the methods for both designs and have the opportunity to work on one in class. Gudrun will also give two different lectures - *My Quilting Journey* in the evening and *Stripology* for the morning.

Come out into the cold and let us warm you up with GE Designs!

Strip Your Stash Workshop

Date:	Monday, February 27, 2017
Hours:	9:00 a.m. (doors open at 8:30) to 4:00 p.m. Lunch Option
Cost:	\$65
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran (Guild Meeting Room)



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Carole Bates	December 5
Beverley R. Enright	December 5
Diane Kelsey	December 5
Susan Egner	December 6
Rita Pennington	December 6
Sue Wauer	December 7
Merna Cunningham	December 8
Susan Llorens	December 8
Diane Sanfillippo	December 8
Maureen Cooper	December 13
Ella Mae Goshen	December 13
Alissa Kantola	December 14
Beth Van Tholen	December 14
Helena Ann DeMoss	December 18
Sandy Henke	December 18
Linda LoBianco	December 19
Diana Sharp	December 19
Carol Matlock	December 20
Linda Brodine	December 21
Connie Kuykendall	December 21
Dawn Schultz	December 22
Beth Hoffman	December 23
Christa Chocker	December 26
Judy Scheppach	December 28
Nanette Farina	December 29
Nancy Cleckner	December 30
Ann Stoa	December 30
Mary Jane Cross	December 31

Schnibbles

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

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

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 Schniblette! JANUARY'S SCHNIBBLE is DOUBLE DUTCH. (No December Schnibble)



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Looking Ahead

Now that our awesome quilt show is behind us, and the Cubbies have actually won the World Series, what do we have to look forward to? Why, of course, it is the wonderful speakers planned for our Guild for the rest of this year and next, as well as Quilt Show 2018! And what do we need for these things to be successful? The answer is YOU! As we look ahead to the next Guild year, we need volunteers and Board members dedicated to planning the programs and activities you want. Our Website lists our officers and committee chairs (psqg.org -> Guild Info -> Board of Directors). Please look at this list and see if there is an area or position that interests you. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of prospective Board members to be presented to the membership in March, with voting to take place at the annual meeting in April. If you think you might like to get more involved in a particular area, talk to the person who holds the position now and ask what it entails, then contact either Susan Strasser (strasser23@gmail.com) or Sandy Andrews (sandraandrews@comcast.net).

Remember, we need YOU!



Don't Worry, BEE Happy!

Worrying about stuff puts frown lines on your face, makes your tummy yucky, and gives you headaches. This is my prognosis for those of you that don't belong to a Bee. My prescription is – join a BEE – see? Taking this medicine will pretty much guarantee to make you feel better. Frowning will soon dissipate, your tummy will start feeling relaxed, and your headaches will disappear. You might even survive the holidays! Ahhh, who could imagine that something this simple could make you feel so good. And when you feel good, you'll Bee happy. Happy that you're getting out and about to visit new friends, and, the most important part, you'll be taking time to work on those projects of yours. I'll tell you what, life doesn't get much better than that!!! So this Thanksgiving, give thanks that you belong to a Bee or three. To help you choose the right medicine for you, here's a list of Bees available. Now if you think you would like to add your name to a Bee that's waiting to happen, just see below. This medical moment has been brought to you by your local Beekeeper.

Dawn Schultz

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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 & meets the 3rd Wednesday/month at 1:00 p.m.
- 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
- **General Bee/Mavans – meets 3rd 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 hoping to add a couple of new member

Bees waiting to happen!

Art Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

Embroidery Bee (daytime) – 4 on the list for a central to west-side location

EQ Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

Fabric Dyeing 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 (daytime/night time) – 1 for daytime; 1 on the night time or Sat.

Scrap Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list; wants to meet at each other's homes

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Nomination Form for Quilt of Valor

Recipient's Information:

Has this recipient ever received a QOV before?

Name:

Address:

Branch of Service

Deployment

Nominator Information:

Name

Email

Phone

Additional Comments:

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2016-2017 Board

Executive Board:

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Vice-President, Evening: Susie Wing

Vice-President, Daytime: Cindy Krelle

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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*

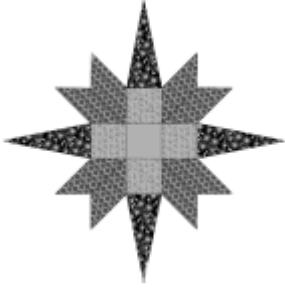
Assistant Co-Chair 2016: Joyce Jaksa

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

*Indicates Co-Chairs

**Future ads from local
Businesses**

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Deadline for ads (getting copy or camera-ready artwork to the Editor) is the first of the month in which you wish the ad to appear. Call or email the Editor if you have any questions.

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