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PSQG Evening Vice-President

Has your internal clock adjusted to the time change yet? I know it is nice to have it lighter later in the day, but my body keeps taking longer to adapt! Oh well, makes it somewhat easier to see as I work on my various projects.

Some VERY IMPORTANT information is coming your way so be sure to watch your e-mail for the new proposed by-laws as well as the proposed board slate for next year. Be sure to open and read these documents so that you can vote, being well informed when asked to approve at the April Business meeting.

This month we welcome Village Quilters from Lake Bluff/Lake Forest with their opportunity quilt. More tickets to buy 😊!

Look for details on our upcoming banquet in May. Barb Stewart will be taking reservations starting this month. I hope many of you are planning to join us at Villa Olivia in Elgin.

The 2018 Quilt Show will be upon us sooner than you may think. Please consider how you will be involved and let Chris Schwarz or me, Susie Wing, know. The committee is forming.

This month it is our honor to welcome Becky Goldsmith of Piece O'Cake as our speaker and workshop leader. A number of you will be

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Next newsletter deadline:
Friday, April 7th, 2017,
6:00 p.m. Send it to
Diane Moore at
moore.helen@att.net

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participating in her 2 day workshop Tick Tock so we will be anticipating seeing your progress!

I shall look for many smiling faces on the 27th & 28th for the chapter meetings. Don't forget your nametag and if possible, your own beverage cup, complete with cover.

Keep stitching,

Susie Wing

Evening VP



Community Service Information

Linda Stoyhoff has informed me that DuPage County Nursing Home could use more fidget quilts. Linda has fabric and "stuff" for making these.

Those who have nominated a Veteran for our presentation in July, stop by the Community table and let us know how you are doing with your quilt. Remember, if you need our help in getting these quilted, I have a few names of quilters waiting for your quilt!

Debbie long is taking in baby quilts. Leslie is taking dog beds filled with your scraps. We are also taking the pillows for the hospital requested by Karen.

Rita Pennington

Illinois State Coordinator

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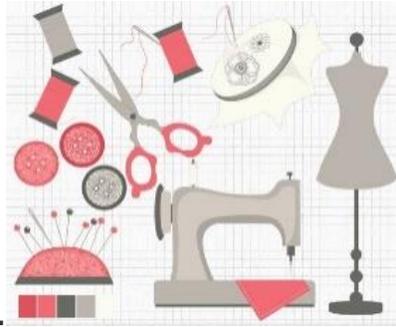
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Coming up at the Education Table

Woodstock Willie saw his shadow on Groundhog Day so hopefully by the March meeting we will be seeing some signs of Spring. One can wish. I would like to show you some paper and foundation piecing. If you have turned away from paper piecing because it seems too hard, don't. All it takes is a little practice and you will be a pro. Paper piecing makes intricate pieced blocks a breeze. Foundation piecing gives a uniformity to scrape or string pieced blocks and quilts that were pieced by the church ladies called "chronicle quilts". Who can tell me why they were called "chronicle quilts"?

Chronicle quilts were quilts made by groups; I would guess by the Church Ladies. They were foundation pieced from scraps onto sheets of paper from the local newspaper or chronicle. Along with my March demo I have put together some baggies of fabric to make chronicle blocks for Quilts of Valor. Pick up a foundation and a baggie of strips to make a block and return it to me and I will get it made into a quilt. They only take a few minutes to make.

Edith Hubbard, Education Coordinator

THE MAY BANQUET IS COMING SOON!!!!



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DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE BANQUET

MAY BANQUET: Monday, May 22, 2017

It is time to think about our Spring Banquet that will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017. Our guest speaker will be Carrie Nelson from Moda Fabrics. The banquet will be held at the Villa Olivia in Bartlett. 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 starting in February)
- 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 Bee and want to set with two or three friends, please sign up with your friends at the Activities table. Please remember to let me know if you have special dietary needs when signing up.

Dinner Choices are:

- Baked Virginia Ham
- Chicken Parmesan
- Vegetarian – Eggplant Parmesan

There will be a cash bar starting at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The tickets for the dinner will be \$35.00. Location of the banquet will be at **Olivia, Bartlett, Illinois**. Sign up for the banquet will start at the Chapter meetings in February and the final registration will be at the April Chapter meeting or you can contact Barbara Stewart at barbarastewartone@gmail.com. Phone 630-406-0445.

Or mail the Form to: Barb Stewart
805 Hartfield Drive
North Aurora, Illinois 60542

Banquet Coordinator, Barbara Stewart

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March Brings Becky Goldsmith of Piece 'O Cake

Here is someone you need to know - Becky Goldsmith! Whether you are new to quilting or a seasoned quilter, Becky, an award-winning quilter who travels to teach quilting both nationally and internationally, is so inspirational and so darn good at teaching the art of all things quilting! This visit is so special that we are keeping her longer than most with a two-day workshop featuring her quilt, Tick Tock! Her classes are always interesting and informative, with an emphasis on teaching techniques that help will you improve your sewing skills—while keeping it fun.

Register for this event and you will have a seat front & center with one of the quilting world's best teachers! Becky will also give two lectures - It's Not a Quilt 'Til It's Quilted in the evening and A Practical Approach to Color in the morning! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Day 1

Date:	March 26, 2017
Hours:	Noon-6 PM
Cost:	\$130 includes both days
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Day 2

Date:	Monday March 27, 2017
Time:	9AM-4PM
Location:	Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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Our May Banquet Speaker and Teacher is Moda's Carrie Nelson

Our banquet speakers and teachers are always reserved for someone who puts the cherry on the sundae of our year of programs...this year we welcome Moda's beloved blogger - Carrie Nelson (she's more like a shiny red apple on the sundae!)

"After 12 years as the two-legged part of Miss Rosie's Quilt Co, I finally got a traditional full-time job working at Moda Fabrics starting January, 2015. I live in Dallas and when I'm not writing patterns or chatting here, I can probably be found sneaking learning my way around the warehouses."

Besides Carrie's prolific quilting life, she is so very sweet & lovely...and funny! She has agreed to stay an extra day to give us two full day workshops (a terrific teacher for all levels!)! Come to the banquet and then give yourself dessert by participating in one or both of Carrie's workshops!

Carrie Nelson

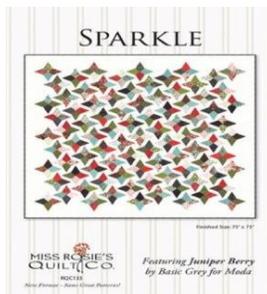


Workshop 1- Sparkle

Date	Tuesday May 23, 2017
Time	9 AM-4 PM
Cost	\$50
Location	Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Workshop 2- Bounce

Date	Wednesday May 24, 2017
Time	9 AM-4 PM
Cost	\$50
Location	Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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Programs and Workshops for 2017-18

Welcome to a brand spankin' new year of Programs & Workshops to inspire, educate and bring us together for some good fun! Chris Berry and I look forward to introducing you to new teachers and welcoming back old friends! While we can't tell you EVERYTHING today (see you at the April Business Meeting for full disclosure!) we are excited to open our June & July workshops for your consideration!! Please visit us at the Programs Table at your chapter meeting for any questions, further information or registration! Thank you for supporting your guild's Programs and let's make this a year to remember!!

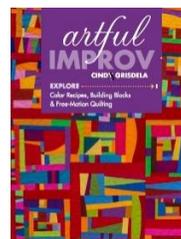
June, A Nod to Contemporary Art Quilts

Cindy Grisdela will visit us June 26 and 27 to explore the world of color and improvisation! Cindy is an award-winning fiber artist with over 30 years' experience creating eye-catching quilts. She specializes in improvisational quilt designs and dense free motion quilting. Cindy is the author of *Artful Improv: Explore Color Recipes, Building Blocks & Free Motion Stitching*. She will present two lectures, Monday evening - *Playing With Color*, and Tuesday morning - *Journey of an Art Quilter*. Monday, Cindy invites you to come play and create your own beautiful piece of art at her workshop - *Artful Improv - Permission to Play!* We invite you to look further into Cindy's colorful world of quilts by visiting her website and blog, www.cindygrisdela.m

Cindy Grisdela



Artful Improv - Permission to Play!



Date	Monday June 26, 2017
Time	9 AM-4PM
Cost	PSQG Members \$65 PSQG Visitors \$75 Supply List available at time of registration. Please make checks out to PSQG
Location	Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Bring Out the Red, White and Blue for July's Summer Gathering

Is there anything that speaks Summer like the colors of the American Flag, well loved quilts, melty ice cream and the beloved American soldier? Join us for a very special Summer Gathering as we celebrate patriotism and honor the soldiers that gave so much so we could live in freedom. Quilts of Valor will honor our family veterans with quilts at the evening social (ice cream too..and lots of it!)...but first, we start the day off with a workshop!

Lydia Ziegler, a Certified Deb Tucker, Studio 180 Design Instructor, kicks off our Summer Gathering with Tumbling Triangles! By combining two contrasting fabrics you will create triangles tumbling down the quilt! Using the Studio 180 Design V Block tool this quilt is fun and quick! Jump right in and give it a whirl!!! Lydia has made a beautiful sample just for our workshop, honoring the red, white and blue! Stop by the Programs Table to see the quilt and register for this wonderful workshop! Want to see more, visit www.deb-tuckers-studio-180-design.myshopify.com Pattern and ruler available for purchase.

Tumbling Triangles

Date	Monday July 10,2017
Time	12 AM-4PM
Cost	PSQG Members \$30 PSQG Visitors \$40 Pattern \$11.37(tax incl) Ruler 21.11 (tax incl) Supply List available at time of registration. Please make checks out to PSQG
Location	Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Picture of Tumbling Triangles



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kay Brynelsen	April 2
Gwyneth Johnsen	April 2
Kay Nolan	April 2
Cheryl T. Fletcher	April 7
Emilie Pollman	April 8
Donna Fowler	April 11
Sandra Bils	April 13
Sue Pawlowski	April 13
Betsy Stoughton	April 13
Linda Harlson	April 16
Betty Gonka	April 19
Diana Nelson	April 19
Fran Pingel	April 23
Jayne Hested	April 26
Elvira Illig	April 27
Melanie Murphy	April 27
Jan Karnstedt	April 28
Lynn Murphy	April 29
Sharon Simms	April 30

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 Schnibblette!

April's SCHNIBBLES is Quilter's Choice

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Just Bee Yourself

On this St. Patrick's Day, if your talent is chasing Druids (see below) out of Ireland or performing magic on your projects at your Bees, the most important thing is to enjoy yourself. Remember, whether you're a saint or just a Bee-attending magician, it takes focus to complete your miraculous projects. And where can you obtain this necessary focus. . . at your Bees of course!

Exactly why is there a St. Patrick's Day, and why do I make St. Patrick's table runners, quilts, etc. Because it has evolved into a popular holiday. I found the following interesting info on St. Patrick.

"Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he "found God". The *Declaration* says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The *Declaration* says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted "thousands". Patrick's efforts against the Druids were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland (Ireland never had any snakes). Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.

This moment of history was 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
- Dear Jane Bee – meets 3rd Sunday/month at 1:00 p.m., Bartlett
- 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
- General Bee/Mavans – meets 3rd Monday/month at 9:30 a.m., members' homes
- 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

Bees waiting to happen!

Art Bee (daytime) – 2 on the list

Bag-making Bee (daytime) – 4 on the list

Embroidery Bee (daytime) – 4 on the list; central to W-side location

EQ Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

Fabric Dyeing Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

General Bee (daytime) – 1 for daytime, E-side location; 2 on night time

Hand Stitching Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

Knitting Bee (night time) – 1 on the list

Longarm Bee (night time) – 1 on the list

Modern Bee (daytime/night time) – 1 for daytime; 4 on the list for night time

Quilt Bee (daytime/night time) – 3 for daytime, SW location; 1 on the night time or Sat.

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Nominations For Officers of PSQG 2017-2018

Position	Incumbent	Nominee
President	Sharron Evans	Sharron Evans
Program VP	Teresa Kasch/Chris Berry	Teresa Kasch/Chris Berry
Evening VP	Susie Wing	Susie Wing
Day VP	Cindy Krelle	Cindy Krelle
Secretary	Diane Hubberts	Barbara Stewart
Treasurer	Sue Balsigner	Carol Fisher
Activities	Diane Moore	Diane Moore
Membership	Susan Egner/ Sue Hedke/ Diane Swaney-Smith	Susan Egner/Betty Gonka/ Sue Hedke/Chris Macensk
Newsletter	Diane Moore	Melanie Murphy
Education	Edith Hubbard	Frayed Knots Bee
Media	Yvonne Richter	Yvonne Richter
Beekeeper	Dawn Schultz	Shawn Greenough
Library	Liz Fitzgerald/Janet Miller/ Beth Reuter	Liz Fitzgerald/ Barb Gillespie /Barb Carlson
Community Projects	Rita Pennington	Rita Pennington
Contracts 2017- 2018	Teresa Kasch	Rachel Lance
Nominations	Susan Strasser	
Quilt Show 2016	Chris Schwarz/Susie Wing	Chris Schwarz/Susie Wing

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Quilting--Fiber Arts Multi Stash--
Clearance Sale

Dates: Friday 3/31 and Saturday 4/1

Location: 1053 Hemlock

Naperville, IL 60540.

Time: 9:00-3:00

Patterns, books, fabric, quilt rulers,
embellishments, threads, and even quilt
tops.

Something for everyone!

2016-2017 Board

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)

Media: Yvonne Richter

Newsletter: Diane Moore

Nominations: Susan Strasser

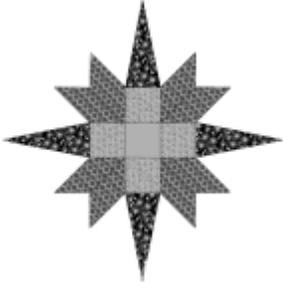
Quilt Show Chairs 2016: Chris Schwarz*, Leslie Nyckel*

Assistant Co-Chair 2016: Joyce Jaksa

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

*Indicates Co-Chairs

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