

# Prairie Star Press

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## PSQG President

The time has come the walrus said, to speak of many things..... and boy do we have a lot to speak about! It's time for elections, approval of the 2017-2018 budget, approval of the proposed Bylaws, a UFO-Paluzza AND, drum roll please, the big reveal of the coming years programs and speakers. Did you read your prior emails this month on these events? If not, stop what you're doing right now and go check you emails for the details!

And while we are busy catching up here.... Don't forget it's time to renew your membership. And this year you'll surely want to renew early as Teresa has soooooo many great speakers and workshops lined up! You will be able to sign up right away for this year's workshops with the most fabulous quilting stars!

AND, if this is not enough excitement for all of you – remember our banquet is right around the corner. Have you signed up and paid for your honorary seat at the guilds wonderful dinner at Villa Olivia? This year instead of collecting food, our gals will be collecting \$1 for the food bank. We found out that the food bank's consumer clout gets them more bang for the buck than we can at the grocery store.... thus the shout out for a cash donation. You'll feel warm and fuzzy enjoying your banquet meal knowing your donation brought a dinner to someone in need.

And lastly I want a big round of applause for the wonderful guild members who served on this past years' board and for those that will continue as move forward another year.....

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**Next newsletter deadline:**  
Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017,  
6:00 p.m. Send it to  
Diane Moore at  
[moore.helen@att.net](mailto:moore.helen@att.net)

## PSQG APRIL NEWSLETTER 2017

**THANK YOU LADIES** and it has been a pleasure to work/play with you this past year:

Teresa Kasch	Chris Berry	Susie Wing	Cindy Krelle
Diane Hubberts	Sue Balsiger	Diane Moore	Dawn Schultz
Rita Pennington	Edith Hubbard	Janet Miller	Beth Reuter
Susan Egnor	Sue Hedke	Yvonne Richter	Susan Strasser
Chris Schwarz	Leslie Nyckel		

**And kudos to our Bylaw committee:**

Barb Vlack	Ruth Kay	Barb Gillespie
Sandra Andrews	Susan Strasser	

Please be sure to thank these quilters for giving up time they could be quilting for all of us to enjoy this well, run guild of friends.

Happy Quilting to all!!!

*Sharron Evans*



## 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*  
Quilts of Valor Foundation

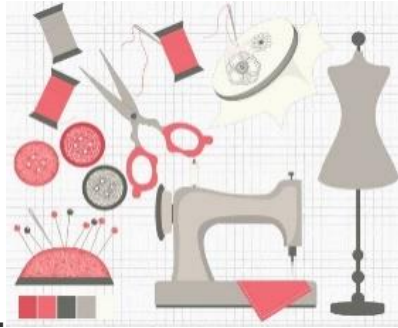
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### Coming up at the Education Table

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.

For those of you that took chronicle block kits you can return the finished blocks to me or to the Community Projects table. Remember to add the strips in the direction of the line on the foundation, cover the paper and remove the paper. Don't trim. Thanks so much for the great response. I'll show the outcome as I finish them at show and tell.

Edith Hubbard, Education Coordinator

### Membership News

Our annual membership renewal is June 1. Still an incredible bargain at \$35.00 per year. We have an outstanding line-up of notable speakers, and some months, our speakers even offer two different lectures! Each month (except December) for approximately the cost of a fat quarter of fabric, you get camaraderie, education, inspiration, a library of books and videos, plus snacks! We will accept renewals at the April meeting, and, also, at the banquet in May. Or, you can mail your renewal to Susan Egner's address on the form. Just print out the Membership Form from the web site & make your check payable to PSQG. I'm looking forward to sharing all the fun with you as we continue into the 2017-2018 year.

Membership Chair: Diane Swaney-Smith, Susan Egner, Sue Hedke



**THE MAY BANQUET IS COMING SOON!!!!**

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### DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE BANQUET

**On May 22, 2017**

The Banquet is at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake Street, Bartlett. The guest speaker is Carrie Nelson. The social hour starts at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00.

The menu items are Baked Virginia Ham, Chicken Parmesan, or Vegetarian Eggplant. The cost has not changed from last year- It is \$35.00. This year we will have the Red Kettle from the St. Charles Salvation Army and we will collect cash instead of food items for the St. Charles Salvation Army. If you give \$1.00, the Salvation Army can buy \$8.00 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Please be generous in giving. The food will go to the people in our community.

The April guild meeting will be the last meeting to sign up for the May Banquet. If you will not be at the April Business meeting, you can send your reservation and check to Barb Stewart, Banquet Committee Chairman. The banquet is a great way to end the Guild's year as the new year starts in June.

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### A Few Words from Our Program Girls

Hello friends!! Many thanks from your PSQG Programs Girls for attending our March workshop with Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake! We hope you found the workshop inspiring, the atmosphere relaxing, and the company enjoyable! Be sure to follow Becky on all her social media outlets ([www.pieceocake.com](http://www.pieceocake.com) - check out the bottom of the opening page for all connects to her social media!). She has lots of **information, ideas, and free patterns.**



**Becky Goldsmith**

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In May, we welcome Carrie Nelson of Moda for our end-of-the-quilt-year celebration and Banquet! We are so happy to keep Carrie here for an extra two days after Banquet for two full day workshops - Sparkle and Bounce! Not signed up? We'd love to have you join us for one or both workshops with one of the most beloved quilters in America! Until then, check out Carrie's blog, Moda Cutting Table at [www.blog.modafabrics.com](http://www.blog.modafabrics.com)! If you are interested in joining us for one or both workshops (Tuesday, May 23 & Wednesday, May 24), please email Chris Berry at [cberry1022@att.net](mailto:cberry1022@att.net) to reserve your spot! (We will also be available for registrations at the April 24th Annual Business Meeting.)



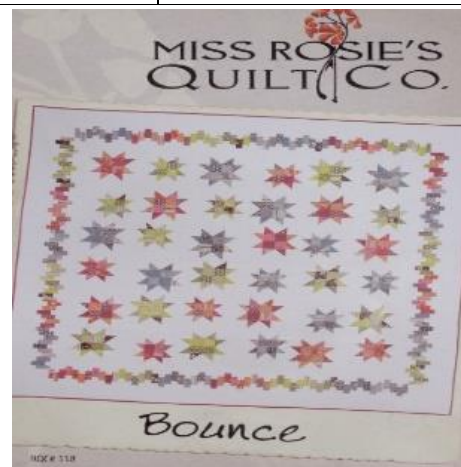
## Carrie Nelson

### Workshop 1- Sparkle

### Workshop 2- Bounce

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

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



## **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!!

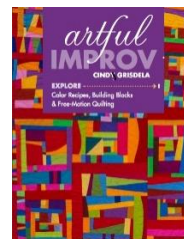
### **June, A Nod to Contemporary Art Quilts**

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](http://www.cindygrisdela.m)

**Cindy Grisdela**



**Artful Improv - Permission to Play!**



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



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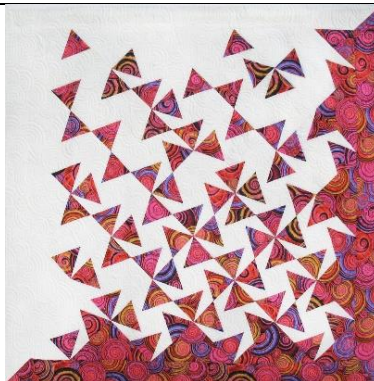
### Bring Out the Red, White and Blue for July's Summer Gathering

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](http://www.deb-tuckers-studio-180-design.myshopify.com) Pattern and ruler available for purchase.

#### Tumbling Triangles

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Sharron Evans	May 1
Melinda VanDril-Beer	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
Loraine Miranda	May 11
Kim Sceggel	May 11
Kelly Taylor	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
Lorraine Malecki	May 18
Chris Dostal	May 19

**Schnibbles**

The anticipation of our 2017 Banquet speaker...Carrie Nelson aka Miss Rosie . . . is ALMOST HERE!

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

**April's SCHNIBBLES is Quilter's Choice**

**Come and show case your Schnibble of choice for this month.**

It is the last chance to receive a ticket for making a Schnibble project this year! The Program girls will draw one ticket for a special prize Soon!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS SCHNIBBLE EXTRAVAGANZA THIS QUILTING YEAR!



**April meeting UFO Extravaganza**

Four wonderful full Quilts kits will be available.

As always \$1 per chance, six for \$5.

These are partially pieced or cut or quilted Quilts.

You must see the beautiful fabrics.

Be ready to be wowed.

Not just wimpy kits but full quilts.



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## Just Bee-cause

I bet you heard that phrase from your mom or dad whenever you asked, “why?”

So, when I tell you that you need to join a Bee, please don't ask why. . .for I'll inform you . . . . . **just Bee-cause!!!** It's imperative, important, and just darn crucial that your life needs to have a Bee in it. Do you want to have time for yourself, socialize with new friends, and even actually work on one of your projects, uhm? That's what . . . just Bee-cause really means.

I am doing this for your own good, you do realize. If you seem confused, distracted, or just lost, I'll Bee happy to point the way for you. Why? **Just Bee-cause!!!**

Dawn Schultz

## Opened Bees

- Art Quilt Bee – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening/month at 7:00 p.m., Batavia
- Dear Jane Bee – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday/month at 1:00 p.m., Bartlett
- Embroidery Bee/Twisted Threads – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday/month at 10:00 a.m., Winfield
- General Bee/Fabricators – meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday evening/month at 7:00 p.m., Geneva & meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday/month at 1:00 p.m.
- General Bee/Let's Bee Friends – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday/month at 10:00 a.m., St. Charles
- General Bee/Mavans – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday/month at 9:30 a.m., members' homes
- Knitting Bee/Knit Wits – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday/month at 12:30 p.m., St. Charles
- Scrap Bee/Scrap Hunters – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday/month at 10:00 a.m., St. Charles
- Scrap Bee/Scraps II – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday/month at 10:00 a.m., Winfield

## Bees waiting to happen!

Art Bee (daytime) – 2 on the list

Bag Bee (daytime) – 1 on the list

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

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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.

**Guess What  
Is  
Coming!**

# **THE 2018 QUILT SHOW**

As we begin to organize for our next quilt show, we are still in need of some members of the Quilt Show Committee, and a few people to do some, short term, jobs for the show. Here is what we need:

**Publicity chairperson** - coordinates the printing and distribution of bookmarks and posters about the show, places notices of our show in print and online resources, arranges for printing of ballots and purchase of any needed tickets

**Raffle Basket chairperson** - helps determine themes for the baskets, collects items from members at guild meetings, creates (with help) the final baskets and a listing of the contents of each, sets up the basket display at the show, coordinates the sale of tickets and getting the baskets to their winners

**Raffle Quilt chairperson** - builds a team to piece the raffle quilt, helps find someone to quilt it, binds and labels the quilt

**Raffle Quilt Ticket chairperson** - obtains a raffle license from the city of Wheaton; coordinates with the Publicity chair about printing raffle tickets; sets up a schedule of travel for the raffle quilt to other guilds, shows, and special events; recruits members to take the quilt to other locations to sell tickets as needed

In the **Quilt Display Committee** we need a few people to do short term jobs:

1. Someone to oversee the entry forms - make any revisions needed, take in the filled-out forms, sort the forms and get them to the people who need them
2. someone to deal with the logistics of the rental equipment - contacting our rental company, determining what we need to rent, overseeing the company during set-up and take-down of the pipes and drapes
3. 2020 Quilt Show Chair(s) - work with the 2018 chairs to learn how everything is done then take over for 2020

If you or a group of you would like to take on any of these jobs, please contact us. We can't have a show without a lot of help!

Chris Schwarz and Susie Wing, 2018 Quilt Show Co-Chairs



**ABOVE IS A PICTURE OF SOMEONE'S RAFFLE QUILT  
PICTURE IN YOUR MIND WHAT OUR NEXT ONE WILL  
BE!**

## OUR RAFFLE QUILT FOR 2018 QUILT SHOW

We have chosen the pattern for our 2018 quilt show, and we think you will love it! It is called "Coastal Lily" by Minick & Simpson, and you can see one version of it by Thelma Childers of Charleston, IL and quilted by Judi Madsen if you search for "AQ magazine coastal lily". The pattern was published in the American Quilter magazine in July 2015, and we have received permission to use it for our raffle quilt. We like the general look of this, particular quilt. So, we are asking all of our members to help us accumulate the fabric for the lilies and the flying geese. We would really appreciate any donations of bright, clear spring/summer-feeling fabric that is tone-on-tone or a small print. For the flying geese and lily leaves we need black and white fabrics (more black than white), medium to dark gray fabrics, or black with a small-scale print with another color. Please consider donating a fat quarter, quarter yard, or 6" strip placed in a ZipLock baggie with your name on it. We will return any fabrics we feel we cannot use. From your donations we will create kits for the blocks and flying geese to make for the quilt. Thanks in advance for helping us create another in a long line of beautiful raffle quilts!

Susie Wing and Chris Schwarz, 2018 Quilt Show Co-Chairs

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### Nominations For Officers of PSQG 2017-2018

<b>Position</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
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

**QUILTER'S GARAGE SALE**

**Date:** Friday May 19th  
**Time:** 8AM - 2 PM  
**Location:** 439 Orion Road  
Batavia IL 60510

Fabric-Books-Patterns-Pre-cuts  
30's Reproductions-Batiks-Fossil Fern-  
ETC  
Embellishments-Ribbons-Buttons



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## **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

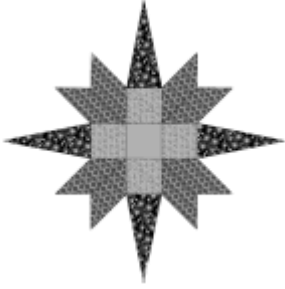
Quilt Show Chairs 2016: Chris Schwarz\*, Leslie Nyckel\*

Assistant Co-Chair 2016: Joyce Jaksa

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

\*Indicates Co-Chairs

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