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Summertime Fun time

Summer is finally here! It's about time. It makes me want to take on more "summer feeling" projects. My recent project (that I need to finish before July 4th) is a quilt made up of patriotic fabrics I bought 4 years ago to use as tablecloths for our son and daughter-in-law's rehearsal dinner. They got married on July 4th (at the church we now meet at!), and wanted a casual outdoor gathering. So I bought a yard each of red, white and blue fabrics and covered the tables. In the back of my mind, I thought it would be nice to make them an anniversary quilt out of those fabrics. And this is the year. Now that they have 15 month old twin boys to share the quilt with; I hope they make many 4th of July fireworks memories with this quilt. That's what quilts are all about. Sharing love and making memories.

With summer come some changes at PSQG. We've got a new board in place to continue bringing our guild excellent speakers, classes, social gatherings, encouragement and friendship. It's been a pleasure for me to be on the board this past year. I've enjoyed getting to know the board members better, and

really appreciate all the work and effort they apply to their various roles. They are a passionate group of women, and I'm looking forward to this next year with our new leaders.

We are in the process of bringing PSQG up to date—technically speaking. We now accept credit cards for membership, workshop and retreat payments. We've already seen a big increase in class sign-ups, so that's very exciting. (Note – if you are interested in a class, please sign up as soon as possible. They're filling fast!) We are working on a new website, and eventually adding the ability to join/renew your membership online. Chris Macenski has been working tirelessly on these projects. Thank you Chris!

This newsletter covers both June and July, so I want to remind you to check out our speakers. June brings us Robin Ruth, who has an easy way (is that possible?) to create Mariner's Compass blocks. Check out her designs at www.robusruthdesign.com. And our July speaker, Carrie Payne is coming all the way from Alaska to join us! She's a fabric artist – be sure to check out her website at www.believmagic.com. Amazing!

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Upcoming Guild Meetings:

June 24, 2019 at 7 pm

June 25, 2019 at 9:30 am

July 22, 2019 at 6 pm (see pg 2)

NO MORNING MEETING

All meetings at Congregational United Church of Christ unless otherwise noted.

*Congregational United Church of Christ
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd., St. Charles, IL*

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, August 8, 2019.

Send info to Melanie Murphy at mgmwriter@gmail.com.

Summertime Fun time continued

So creative! Carrie's workshop will be on Monday, July 22nd from 9-4. You'll be able to create your own unique art quilt during the class! Check out the details on our website.

Our JULY Summer Gathering will ONLY be on Monday evening – July 22nd. We'll have a fun Snack and Chat time from 6-7pm, with Carrie's presentation starting at 7. This will be an abbreviated meeting – no Show and Tell, business meeting – just fun time to visit and catch up with friends – and EAT SNACKS! – followed by inspiration from Carrie. Please do NOT come to our Tuesday morning meeting. We won't be there. Enjoy your summer! I plan on doing just that.

Ann Johnson
Morning Vice President

July meeting updates/reminders

In July there will only be an evening meeting on July 22nd. NO daytime meeting. We're asking members to show up about 6:00 with snacks to share for a Snack & Chat hour before Carrie Payne presents her Trunk Show at 7:00.

As there is only one



meeting that month, there will be NO: library, dog beds, egg cartons, education, free table, show & tell, or community projects. There will be no business meeting and attendance will not be taken. You will be able to sign up for programs and renew your membership.

Like snacks? Little help please

We are in need of someone to be our evening hostess. It would mean passing around a sign-up sheet for treats, reminding those who have signed up, and putting out treats at our monthly evening meetings. Please contact Yvonne Richter (yrichter9951@gmail.com) if interested.

Bring treats for the meetings

We don't have anyone signed up for treats for June or July. Please consider bringing something to share to the meetings or we'll starve!

2020 Quilt Show News

Eek! This "off year" is half over! Our team has done some great prep work, though, and we feel like we're in good shape as we get ready to start collecting things and watching the months fly by as we get ready for the big show.

We have just one opening left -- join the in-crowd while you can! We still need someone to manage the raffle baskets. This is a job that could be done by someone who works. It mainly involves tracking who is doing which basket, the themes, and making sure the baskets are ready on time. You would have a team of volunteers to watch over the baskets at the show and we can help with sign-ups and collections at

the meetings. We're also keeping our eyes open for someone to shadow us and be the 2022 show chair(s).

The raffle quilt is well underway. Listen for more details at the upcoming meetings.

We will begin accepting registrations for the challenge quilts at the July meeting and have the "official" launch then.

Everything is coming together thanks to our great team! We're still in a holding pattern for the moment, but our ETA is fast approaching! In September/October we'll be 1 year out, so expect exciting things to happen about that time.

- Melanie & Krista



Banquet Wrap-up

I would like to thank Pam Sullivan for helping me collect banquet registrations, Carol Fischer for the tedious job of placing place cards, Ann Johnson for helping at the registration desk, Diane Moore for passing out raffle tickets and Barbara Carlson who helped with everything. A huge shout out to Sandy Warzin and all who donated to the Salvation Army's Food Fund. WE RAISED \$1170!

-Barb Gillespie

PSQG Online Store Coming Soon!

My children have had many fun t-shirts, fleece jackets and bags announcing their affiliation with an organization in which they are a member. I've always wanted to have such a thing reflecting the organization and hobby that I love: Prairie Star Quilt Guild!

In the next few weeks we will be going 'live' with our own online store featuring clothing and other goodies. You can choose from a men's or women's fit t-shirt, polo shirt or fleece jacket. Another clothing item we think might be

popular is a cardigan sweater with pockets. You might choose to order a tote bag to carry your projects and drinks wherever you go. Or, you might choose our hot/cold travel mug with our logo. There will be a few color choices for each item. Melanie Murphy has created a beautiful color design for the front of a baseball t-shirt. Our logo will be embroidered in either black or white, depending on whether the shirt color is light or dark.

As a member of the guild, you can access [this online store](#), choose your

items in various colors and sizes, and even pay for them at the site. We will save you the shipping costs by having the purchases shipped to the Logo Factory. I live nearby and will pick up all purchases to bring to guild meetings each month. If you know you won't be at the next meeting, I will work with you to get your items in a timely manner.

Our site will be ready soon! Watch your inbox for the address that will let you show your pride in our guild!

- Susan Egner

Fall Retreat

Oct 7-Oct 10

Join the fun from 1 pm October 7th until 5 pm October 10th, 2019 at the beautiful Siena Retreat center in Racine Wisconsin right on the Lake Michigan waterfront. The large sewing room is bright with lots of lighting and windows. There is a kitchen with all the cooking supplies you will need should you decide to bring or make your own meals. And best of all, each participant will have their own bedroom and private bath.

This will be a 3 day retreat with 4 meal choices

- 1. 3 nights no meals \$200
- 2. 3 nights am meal \$225
- 3. 3 nights noon meal \$235
- 4. 3 nights am & noon meals.. \$260

It only takes a \$50 deposit to reserve one of the 25 available rooms!

Contact Barb Gillespie with questions at activepsqg@gmail.com. Registration form is available on the PSQG website.

New Guild Year = Good Time

For Updates

June begins a new fiscal year for the guild. When Susan Egner came to me asking for a logo for our new "spirit wear" I thought it was a good opportunity and a good time to update our PSQG logo.

Going along with the updated logo, which was mostly a color change, I thought of corporate branding and how professional it looks when a company (or a guild) has consistency across all their printed or electronic materials.

You may have noticed the color changes on the front page of the newsletter. That is our new color scheme for the Prairie Star block and over time, that is the block color that will be on our website, any printed materials, and our social media accounts. The block can also be

published with a black background, which you will see on our website soon.

Our new logo is what you will see on the online shop items. Samples are below. The baseball shirt is the only item that will be printed in full color, and that has some special elements on it that I will keep as a surprise for the launch of the shop.

I really hope you all like the new colors. Past items printed in the former colors do not have to be redone (banners, bookmarks, etc.) but please help us follow the new branding on anything produced going forward.

Thank you for helping implement our new branding standard!

-Melanie Murphy



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2019 Programs

June 24/25, 2019
Robin Ruth Designs
www.robinruthdesign.com

July 22, 2019
Annual Summer Gathering
Carrie Payne
www.believmagic.com

August 26/27, 2019
Maria Shell
www.mariashell.com

September 23/24, 2019
Felicia Brenoe
www.feliciasworld.com

October 28/29, 2019
Katie Pedersen
www.sewkatiedid.com

November 2019
In House Event

December 2019
Happy Holidays!



Robin Ruth Designs

What started as a quest to make a Mariner's Compass quilt for her submarine officer husband, Robin Long took an idea she had in 1992 and launched Robin Ruth Design in January, 2015. She has developed a new line of revolutionary rulers, books, patterns and technique for making STRIP-PIECED mariner's compass blocks in 16 sizes – that's right, NO PAPER PIECING!

Lecture Information

My quilting life and trunk show will be the lecture at both meetings.

Octacompasses

Date: Monday, June 24, 2019

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: PSQG Members \$55

PSQG Visitors \$65

Supply Lists available at registration

Location: Congregational
United Church of Christ

Hands-on Demo

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Time: 1 pm to 2:30 pm

Cost: PSQG Members \$10

PSQG Visitors \$20

Supply List:

Cutting mat & rotary cutter

Robin will show you how to use her rulers to create a beautiful mariners compass! She will take all questions and give you all the hints & tips to make this a successful endeavor! You will have an opportunity to cut fabric, provided by Robin, into units so you can further understand the process. Her rulers will be available for purchase at both chapter meetings.

Location: Congregational United Church of Christ



Carrie Payne

July's special guest will be Carrie Payne from BelieveMagic.com. Carrie will be bringing her adorable art quilts and teaching us the unique sketchy applique technique in her Sew Cute Quilter workshop.

Lecture Information

"Journey of an Art Quilter"

Learn about Carrie Payne's journey into art quilting with a fun slide presentation and door prizes. You'll get a peek into her sewing studio and end with a trunk show where you can get a closer look at some of her art quilts.



Sew Cute Quilter Art Quilt Workshop

Date: Monday, July 22, 2019

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: PSQG Members \$55

PSQG Visitors \$65

Supply List available
at registration

Location: Congregational
United Church of Christ



2020 Programs

January 27/28, 2020

Rhea Butler

www.alewivesfabrics.com

February 24/25, 2020

Laurie Simpson

www.minickandsimpson.blogspot.com

March 23/24, 2020

Anna Maria Horner

www.annamariahorne.com

April

Annual Business Meeting

May 18

Melinda Bula

www.melindabula.com



Enter our lottery-style drawing to win a class credit! \$1 per ticket will put you in the running. Limit 1 entry per person and you must be a guild member in good standing. The drawing will occur at the morning meetings. The winner will be notified by phone.

The winner will receive a credit to use towards one class of their choice. Supplies are not included. The credit is up to a \$50 value (unused portion not refundable) and must be used by the end of the guild year.

Stop by the lottery table and try your luck!



Pride of the Prairie Quilters

PO Box 501, Plainfield, IL 60544

PrideofPrairie.org



Pride of the Prairie Quilters (POP) welcomes Bonnie Lyn McCaffery, an internationally known quilt artist, author, and teacher from Hawley, Pennsylvania.

On **Thursday, July 18, 2019**, Bonnie will present her lecture, *The Zen of Quilting*. It features her newest technique, *DoodleZenDotZ*, which combines doodles, bobbin embroidery & dots of paint for a beautiful effect. For more about Bonnie, visit www.bonniemccaffery.com

Guests are always welcome at POP's guild meetings, which are held at Zion Lutheran Church, 11007 Book Road, Naperville, IL 60564. The guest fee is \$10. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

On **Friday, July 19, 2019**, Bonnie will teach her 5 hour **DoodleZenDotZ Design** workshop. This class is TOO MUCH FUN! We will doodle some designs for bobbin embroidery and add color and texture with lots of DOTS of paint... It is soooo relaxing AND beautiful. See a video preview at bit.ly/DoodleZenDotz

There are openings in Bonnie's class at this time. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$50 for POP members and \$60 for non-members. A required \$7 kit fee is payable to Bonnie during class. See POP's website for [workshop registration policies](#).

TO REGISTER, please contact Lynn Schiemann at lschiemann@comcast.net



July Birthdays

Kim Waldeck July 1
 Kathy Anderson July 2
 Aileen Fitzpatrick July 2
 Anna Sinks July 2
 Susan Bresnahan July 4
 Sandy Warzin July 5
 Celeste Akre July 7
 Karla Hogan July 7
 Kimberly Zablocki July 7
 Shirley Dreis July 9
 Ellyn Romoser July 10
 Jean Campbell July 12
 Mary Markee July 16
 Theresa McCann July 17
 Sue Omi July 18
 Pegi Twait July 19
 Dale Coon July 21
 Lynne Curran July 21
 Donna Boyd July 22
 Ann Kowalyszyn July 23
 Donna Anzalone July 24
 Nancy Dorn July 25
 Nancy Garrison July 26
 Ann Miller July 26
 Ellen Stevenson July 26
 Mary Stewart July 26
 Chris Macenski July 28
 Peggy Martinek July 29
 Joyce Cooper July 31
 Sherena Titus July 31

August Birthdays

Darlene Musur August 2
 Mabel Goddard August 7
 Ruth Bastian August 8
 Susan M Carr August 9
 Cindy LeTourneau August 10
 Sheila Bell August 12
 Carol Lauer August 13
 Sue Ann Reiner August 13
 Connie Pomeroy August 14
 Cindy Krelle August 16
 Vanessa Touzani August 16
 Sandra White August 18
 Edith Hubbard August 21
 Peggy Benzin August 22
 Eileen Thurston August 24
 Mary Ellen Janes August 25
 Peggy McNulty August 26
 Ronne Neville August 28
 Mary Neitzel August 29
 Susan Kirby August 31

Pilgrim Park Quilt Retreat in Princeton, IL
 August 26-29, 2019

Registration deadline August 1, 2019.
 Please see May newsletter for more details
 or contact Melanie Murphy (mgmwriter@gmail.com)
 for a copy of the registration form.

2019-2020 Board Members

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Yvonne Richter

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Sandra White

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Ann Johnson

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Chris Macenski

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Beth Rueter

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Community Projects:

Rita Pennington

Contracts 2020- 2021:

Janet Francis

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Chris Schwarz

2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs:

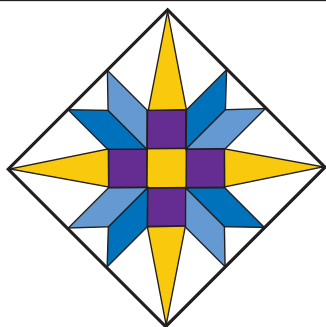
Krista Katzen & Melanie
 Murphy*

Activities:

Barb Gillespie

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1/8 page \$10/issue (business card size)

1/4 page \$20/issue

1/2 page \$40/issue

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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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