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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Quilting Friends,

It's April. The Snow Drops and crocuses in my yard are blooming. This is good. The daffodils are poking up. This is a sign of optimism. Even the piles of snow have melted. The robins are back. The show at Rosemont is near and Paducah is right after that. Spring must be here! Time to rotate the quilts.

At the April Executive Board meeting, we accepted with regret the resignation of Ginny Reid as the A.M. chapter vice president. The position will not be filled with an appointment at this time, since there are no more chapter meetings for this program year, which ends May 31st.

The PSQG ANNUAL MEETING is this month on April 28 (just after Paducah, in case that's how you view your calendar). We will have only one meeting at 7:30 P.M. This meeting is for the purpose of acknowledging current officers, electing officers for next year, reviewing the proposed budget, and announcing the slate of programs contracted for next year. It is an important meeting for conducting business, but we hope to take care of that in short order so we can go on to some fun things. Bring your show and tell! Since we will be gathering both chapters at one meeting, there are items that may have been shown in one chapter but not in the other. This would be a great time to share your quilting projects to everyone.

TAG SALE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING will offer table space for a tag sale of quilt-related items.

I have a couple of reservations for table space so far. They will get first choice for space. If you would like to reserve space, please call or email Barb Vlack. Everyone is welcome to bring items for sale. Bring small bills and change for use as you shop. Supply your own cash box if you are going to sell. You are welcome to keep money from your sales. Leftover/unsold items (especially books) could be donated for sale at the quilt show to benefit the guild. Set up at the April 28th meeting at 7:00.

See you on the 28th. Surely you'll have a Sue Spargo project finished to show by then! (I'm working on mine.)

There's a spring to my stitching lately!
Barb Vlack

FROM THE EVENING VP

Here it is April already! We'll vote on our new Executive Team at the April joint meeting. As my term as the Evening VP comes to a close, I want to say a big Thank You to all of you who have helped me to make the meetings run smoothly. And Thank You to all of you who have come to the meetings to share your quilts, your stories and inspire us. We're such an active, dynamic group with so many talented members. The Guild meetings, lectures, activities, and workshops are something I look forward to each month.

Even though we have nominations for the 2008-09 Exec Team, there are still positions to fill for the next year's A.M. and P.M. board. These positions

coordinate the monthly activities that occur at our meetings. Roles such as helping the speaker get set up, making coffee, or helping at the library table. If you're going to be at the meetings anyway, consider volunteering as these jobs are easy to do.

I know I have grown as a quilter, and gained other, unexpected benefits from taking an active role in this group. The joy of belonging to the Guild is to learn from each other and share in the fellowship. We share the ability to sew, but we also have many other diverse skills. What better way to get to know your fellow quilters and to grow personally, and as an artist, than to get involved? So let your light shine and consider helping in a role that highlights your other unique skills too.

See you at the April meeting!
Diane Swaney-Smith

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Quilt Show Used Book Sale

Quilt Show 2008 will have a used book, magazine and pattern sale of **QUILT-RELATED** items. I'll be accepting donations at the April P.M. meeting. Please leave them under the library table or see me to transfer the items directly from your car to my car.

In May we don't meet at the church, so please call me at 630-892-0537 to arrange for a drop-off or pick-up time.

You are responsible for either removing address labels or marking out your address information with permanent marker if you don't want it to become public knowledge.

Thank you,
Kathy and Diana Kocunik

PSQG Banquet

Monday, May 19, 2008

Eagle Brook Country Club, Geneva

2288 Fargo Blvd., 630-208-4653

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. social hour, drinks

7:00 P.M. -dinner, program following dinner

*** Speaker, Charlotte Angotti***

Cost: \$35.00 per person payable to PSQG. Cash bar will be available. Registration ends May 1.

When you pay, please indicate your entree choice and seating preference. I will be assigning tables as people register. There will be 8 per table.

Registration will be at both meetings, or you can mail check, entree choice, and seating preference to:
SusanBresnahan,
1279 Sussex Lane, Wheaton, 60187

Entree choices:

** Cornbread stuffed chicken with garlic-mashed potato, vegetable medley and a sage mushroom cream sauce

**Lemon pepper tilapia, garlic mashed potato, vegetable medley, spicy lobster and tomato cream sauce.

** Vegetarian dish; spinach and cheese ravioli
All entrees include salad, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, water, soft drinks and dessert, strawberry shortcake.

Hope to see you there,
Susan Bresnahan
630-681-9884

P.S. We had 21 quilters present at our last retreat. We had such a great time that we have scheduled next year's retreat for March 6-8 at the same place.

If you'd like to submit an article for the newsletter, send to:
honeyhill@sbcglobal.net or call
(630) 513-6365.
Thanks,
Ingrid Nelson

PROGRAMS FOR MAY, 2008

Charlotte Angotti will be our May banquet speaker. She will be doing one full day workshop for us.

Workshops for May:

Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 9:30-3:30

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Charles

Cost- \$40.00 plus the cost of the kit.

"LET ME SURPRISE YOU"

Finally a class where you know you have brought the right things. In this fun-filled class, a kit of CUT fabrics is furnished. This is a wonderful group workshop for those that just want to sew and not have too much cutting and thinking to do. A quilt will be designed especially for this group workshop. Each student will be making the same quilt kit, but differences can happen within each student's borders, sashings or settings. The design will be a surprise!

Kit price is \$85.00. It includes all fabric for the quilt top using first quality fabric

Act now to make your reservation! To reserve your place, you can either:

- 1 sign up at the meeting
- 2 e-mail Jody Schoneck at schoneckaljody@aol.com
- 3 call Jody at (630)665-5445.

Then mail your registration and payment to:
Jody Schoneck,

0S491 Winfield Road, Winfield, IL 60190.

Thank you for your support!

Valley Quilt Studio

Caron Carlson, Owner 630 879-0000
Invites you to save in a special
Avoid the Rush Sale!

Any quilt entered in the
Prairie Treasures 2008 Quilt Show
Will receive a 10% discount on quilting
service, now through June '08

*Mention this ad when dropping off

PROGRAMS FOR JUNE, 2008

Our June speaker will be Katharine Stubbs Ward, a Superior Threads Company Educator. Her informative lecture, "Thread Facts and Fiction", will help us learn about thread quality, what the labels mean, pros and cons of various thread types, needle selection and problem solving. You will leave knowing how to use specialty threads successfully, regardless of the type of sewing machine you own.

Her June 23rd (6 hour) and 24th (3 hour) workshops provides students with instruction and hands on experimentation with specialty threads. A selection of all threads made by Superior Threads will be made available to the students. (no sales!) You will make a thread planned sampler or one of your own creation at the three hour workshop. The six hour workshop will be doing the sampler and a pattern piece to make into a wall hanging or pillow.

Prairie Star Quilters Guild 2008-2009 Programs

July 21, 2008
PSQG Picnic - Joint Meeting

August 25 & 26 2008
Debbie Caffrey
www.debbiescreativemoments.com
Scrap quilts

September 22 & 23, 2008
Sharyn Craig
www.sharyncraig.com
Setting Solutions

October 27 & 28, 2008 (to be announced)

November 24 & 25, 2008
Sharon Pederson
www.sharon@sharonquilts.com
Machine Applique / Reversible Quilts

January 26 & 27, 2009
Tammy Tadd
www.tammytaddesigns.com
Lecture only
Tammy's Designs Workshops by Barb Vlack

February 23 & 24, 2009
Susan Cleveland

www.PiecesBeWithYou.com
Making quilts with spark

March 23 & 24, 2009 (to be announced)

April 27, 2009
Joint Business Meeting

May 18 & 19, 2009
Banquet
Kaye England
www.kayeengland.com
Vintage quilts

Quilt Show News

Are you as much in a quandary as I am trying to decide which three quilts to showcase in our upcoming quilt show? I finally narrowed my choices down to 3 categories and have completed two quilts...now, if I can only finish my challenge entry and begin my last quilt. Hmmm, still sounds like a lot to do before August when all the entries are due!

Don't forget to help with our silent auction and quilt basket items. We've been receiving some really cute quilts for the auction and lots of you have donated kits for the baskets. If you're like me, you purchased the most adorable kit two years ago, but have yet to even take it out of the bag. Bring it to the meetings; Ginny Wright will be glad to add it to our raffle basket stash.

Barb Stewart will be at the meetings with her sign-up posters. Be sure to visit with her and check out where you'll most be needed. Remember, there will be a volunteer basket and/or quilt. We haven't decided which it will be yet. Talk with Barb for details.

Should you have any questions regarding the show, give me a call or e-mail me. It's very difficult for me to make evening meetings and I can't always stay very late at the A.M. meetings, but I will answer my e-mails within a day or two. I'm in the directory.

Happy quilting,
Georgia Rodney

Bees Update

Are you interested in joining a quilt bee and sharing your love of quilts with some new friends? Check out these opportunities and contact Marcia Cameron, PSQG Beekeeper, by calling 847-742-2963 or by e-mail at mec515@sbcglobal.net, if you are interested in connecting with a new bee.

- Saturday Bee: We have 5 people interested in starting a Saturday bee. As soon as a couple more people express interest in a Saturday bee, we will set up a time and place for the first meeting.
- Art Quilt Bee: There are 4 people who have indicated an interest in an Art Quilt Bee so far. When we get a few more names, we will set up a time and place for the first meeting for this bee.
- Daytime Moms Bee: There is also some interest in starting a daytime bee for Moms with younger children. Would you like to meet with other young mothers who quilt?
- Daytime Bees: Two new daytime bees have been started, one in the western part (Elburn, Sugar Grove, Aurora, etc.) of our attendance area and one in the eastern part (Addison, Wheaton, Winfield, etc.) I am taking names in anticipation of starting a 3rd daytime bee more in the central part of our attendance area. Let me know if you are interested.

Evening Bee: The Frayed Knots are welcoming new members on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Susan Jensen’s home in Geneva. Call Susan at 630-232-9089 for more information.

WIN A MILLION DOLLARS!!!

No, really just a raffle quilt. Had ya, didn't I???

We are relying on tickets sales from the PSQG Raffle Quilt to help with expenses from this show. We are looking for each and every member to either buy for themselves or sell to family and friends \$20 worth of tickets. Tickets will be available at every meeting between now and the show, so please stop by and pick up your allotment. Even if you are

helping with the show in some other way, we still need help with this important fundraiser. Thanks!!!

Caron Carlson

In Honor of Mother’s Day...

Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me to PRAY.
“You’d better pray that will come out of the carpet.”

My mother taught me LOGIC.
“Because I said so, that’s why.”

My mother taught me MATH.
“A stitch in time saves nine.”

My mother taught me about RECEIVING.
“You’re going to get it when you get home.”

My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
“If you don’t stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way.”

My mother taught me GENETICS.
“You’re just like your father.”

My mother taught me STAMINA.
“You’ll sit there until all that food is gone.”

My mother taught me DISCERNMENT.
“If your friend jumps off the roof, are you going to jump off the roof?”

My mother taught me HUMOR.
“When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don’t come running to me.”

My mother taught me ABOUT AGING.
“If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up.”

My mother taught me WISDOM.
“When you get to be my age, you’ll understand.”



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Check the body of the newsletter for more details)

April Meetings

Monday, April 28, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Charles

Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 9:30 A.M.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Charles

May Meetings

Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 P.M.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Charles

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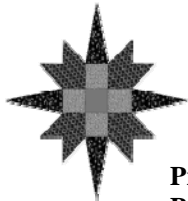
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