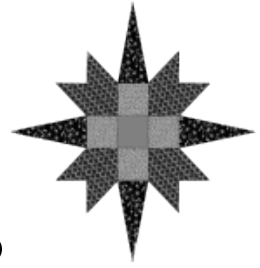


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

UFO'S, not anymore. Sometimes I hesitated to take a class due to the heavy guilt of coming home and not finishing a quilt from the class.

I would prepare, I assemble all the needed fabrics, I cut, I take the class and make a sample, I place it along with the pattern, neatly in a project bag, I go home and there it sits while I work on the quilts I have already started.

My focus and attitude have changed-----I now place this project bag in my **RPK** bin. Rather my Retreat Preparation Kit bin. It's perfect; everything is ready and waiting to take on retreat. No last minute scramble to decide what to bring. I have two or three or more projects ready to go. It is a win/win situation.

Good class, retreat ready projects, no guilt. I love it. Luckily, retreat is not till the beginning of next year so, there is plenty of time to take some classes to start you own bins. I think some of you may have your own bins started but didn't know what to title them. Take another look at your projects, if there is truly something you would never finish, our

UFO girls would be happy to raffle them off.

School will be starting soon, then our Quilt Show . Hope everyone is looking forward to seeing all the wonderful work our guild has done these past two years. Sign up to help out so you will be sure to be there.

Claire Erickson



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Checks made payable to PSQG for workshops can be sent to Susan Jensen, 1515 Dunstan Rd., Geneva, IL 60134 jensenbs@yahoo.com

Note: If we do not reach our minimum enrollment number 30 days prior to a scheduled workshop, we will have to cancel, so sign up early!

All Supply lists may be found on the PSGQ Web site.

For workshops that occur during the lunch hour, lunch will be available for a fee.

AUGUST

August 23 & 24

Lecture:

Our lecture and workshop leader is **Jill Meade, the Rag Merchant**. She will do two different lectures.

inVESTment Dressing (Monday)

The secrets of the vest are revealed. This talk-and-trunk show helps you uncover the vest silhouette that's best suited to you, your shape and your lifestyle. Discover what to wear with a vest so you and the vest look terrific. Learn easy pattern changing techniques, sewing short cuts and embellishment ideas. Find the vest you love and be inspired to make it a dozen of different ways.

What do you say to a Naked Lady? (Tuesday)

Want to be known for your beautiful, one-of-a-kind garments? This talk-and-trunk show is a tell-all, show-all review straight from the sample rack at Rag Merchant. You'll be inspired and motivated to make sensational wearables. Great ideas for creating a quilter's wardrobe that doesn't look like you're enroute to a Guild meeting

Workshop:

Kerry's Big Shirt

Monday, August 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you quit sewing clothes because nothing ever fit, this workshop is for you. We throw out the rules of traditional fitting and sewing and work together to make a

garment that fits you. We'll spend the day concentrating on fast-fitting garment construction techniques. This workshop will give you the itch to sew clothes.

Limited space is available. Contact Susan Jensen to sign up today!]

SEPTEMBER

September 27 & 28

Carrie Nelson, Miss Rosie's Quilt Company

Lecture:

Trunk Show - Scraps aplenty

Workshops:

Sunday, September 26, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church (same location as our July picnic)

Schnibbles are little quilts made with Charm squares or collections of 5-inch squares plus a few fat quarters. The workshop Schnibble is Darcy. Go to the Web location: <http://www.missrosiesquiltco.com/Schnibbles.html> Schnibbles (Darcy) and click on the patterns for Fall 2007. Carrie will also show us how to take any Schnibbles pattern and size it up to lap quilt size by using Layer Cakes (collections of 10-inch squares).

The workshop is currently full, but we have a wait list available.

Monday, September 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. This workshop will feature one of Carrie's newest patterns, Ashcombe. Go to http://www.missrosiesquiltco.com/Whats_New.html

This workshop is open. Signup today!

OCTOBER

October 25 & 26

Karen Kay Buckley

Lecture:

To Border or Not to Border . . .

Workshop:

Monday, October 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Heard it Through the Grapevine

While starting to sew on this 14" square block you will learn to make stuffed bias stems, perfectly round flat grapes, stuffed grapes, dimensional leaves and flowers. You will also learn how to sew nice smooth edges on your curves and keep those points really sharp. (Karen will expect you to be humming the song during class and dancing like the California raisins!)

www.karenkaybuckley.com/index.php

This workshop is currently full, but we have a wait list available.

Please note: There is a \$9.00 fee for class materials, payable on the day of class.

NOVEMBER

November 23 & 24

Lecture:

Quilt Show Recap: the Parade of Ribbons

Workshops:

Sue Pawlowski

Monday, November 23, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Double Wedding Ring Quilt
Tuesday, November 24, 1 p.m. -4 p.m.
Double Wedding Ring Runner

Both classes require an Accu-cut kit, purchased directly from Sue.. Choose

either 30's or Batiks. Make the classic that's on every quilter's "must-make" list!

Both workshops are open. Sign up today!

2011 SCHEDULE

JANUARY

The Fine Line

www.finelineca.org/

FEBRUARY

Janet Blazekovich

MARCH

Teresa Kasch and the Wool Bee

APRIL JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

MAY BANQUET

Helen Squire

www.helensquire.com/

SPRING CLEANING?

Out with the old, make room for the new. We are still collecting scrap fabric for the quilt show. And for you knitters, we will also collect any scrap yarn you might have. We are happy to get it off your hands, and your conscience. If you will never use it, wondering why you ever bought it, asking yourself if you will ever use it, here is a guilt free way to pass it on. If you have too much to carry to a meeting, give us a call, we will be right over.

Judy Corfield (630) 232-1415
Claire Erickson (630) 377-0450



www.lucygardens.com

BUZZ FROM THE BEEHIVE!

Hello to all the wonderful Bees and Wanna-Bees!!! I hope you're having a lovely summer and taking some special time to slow down and do some handwork...hand-quilting, cross stitch, applique or how about knitting!!! I'm learning how to knit socks this summer for the chilly days ahead and it's been a terrific experience...socks don't look too bad either! Did you try something new this summer? It's not too late and you'll feel so pleased that you did. How about doing something special with your Bee! Maybe a road trip to a lovely quilting destination or a picnic where a handwork project is the dessert or perhaps visit the Chicago Art Institute for some inspiring color and quilt ideas (imagine a quilt based on the colors of a Monet or Van Gogh painting!)? In other words, shake up your quilt world a bit and renew your friendships and your projects! The Beehive would love to know what you did on your summer vacation...so drop me an email, tell me your story and we'll share with the

Guild next month when our thoughts turn to Autumn and the PSQG Quilt Show.

Come visit the Beehive at your Chapter meeting, you'll find me behind the Bee Skep and let's plan something wonderful for you and your Bee!
Until next time, may the joy of needlework be yours,

Teresa Kasch, Beekeeper
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Show and Tell

Just a reminder to limit your "Show and Tell" to three items. We want to allow plenty of time for our wonderful speakers at each guild meeting.

The PSQG Board

Thanks . . . and please

Thanks to everyone for making the picnic a fun (and very tasty) event. It was great to see the products from our young quilters. But . . . with all of the activity, we forgot to ask members to sign up to bring treats to the August guild meetings. So . . . if you have some yummy item hanging around your kitchen, please bring it to the PSQG meeting at the end of the month. Let's fill the treat table! Thanks!

Membership Dues

Just a reminder regarding the Membership dues. You need to pay your dues by September 1st to be included in the Guild's Directory for 2010-2011.

Barbara Stewart
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Come to a Quilter's Gathering

Looking to spend time with a gathering of Quilters, take time to spend a weekend at Carmillite Center in Darien. It is easy to get to and everything takes place in a ranch style building. If you want to join us, sign up for the retreat which will take place from Friday March 4th, 2011 at 2 PM until Sunday March 6th, 2011 at 12 PM. Please start signing up for this event at our next guild meeting. It is \$160.00 for a double room and \$185.00 for a single room.

Do you have any quilt-related news to share with the guild?
Email or call me and I'll put it in the next newsletter. Deadline for the next newsletter is September 9th.....thanks!

Susan Cook, Editor
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Quilt Show 2010 October 15 & 16

CHALLENGE QUILTS

Reminder: All challenge quilts must be turned in by August 28th, the morning Guild meeting. I have only received one additional quilt and many of you said you had begun yours. How about finishing such a little quilt! We have a total of 53 quilts to display at our show. As most of you know the calendar has been printed and is for sale for \$10.00. Thanks to Jan Sharpless, Marty Jacobsen and their committee. Call or email me with any questions.

Ginny Wright
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LAST CALL FOR BOUTIQUE ITEMS

Thanks to all who donated items for the boutique. I'll be accepting donations only through the August meeting. The pricing committee will need the month of September to sort and price all the wonderful creations.

Georgia Rodney
g.rodney@att.net

Volunteers for the Quilt Show

There are still openings for volunteers to help at the Quilt Show for Friday, October 15th for 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Help is needed at the tables for the Raffle Quilt and Raffle Basket, and openings for the Quilter's Café are Friday 11:00am – 2:00pm, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, and Saturday, October 16th 2:00pm – 5:00pm. If you have not volunteered, please think about helping at the Quilt Show. Admission is free on the day you volunteer to help.

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Hanging Sleeve Directions

Just in time for the Quilt show, here is a link to excellent directions for making a hanging sleeve.

http://www.americanquilter.com/documents/shows_contests/sleeve_instructions.pdf

This link is also on the Prairie Star Quilters Guild website under Quilt Show and then #5 under 'Before you drop off your quilt.'

Scalloped Pineapple

Here is the recipe that was asked for at the picnic. I'm so glad everyone enjoyed it!
Chris Berry

Ingredients

- * 1/2 cup butter, softened
- * 2 cups sugar
- * 8 eggs
- * 1 can (20 ounces) crushed pineapple - do not drain
- * 1 can (20 ounces) pineapple tidbits - do not drain
- * 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- * 1 'round' loaf of King's Hawaiian Bread, in cubes (or bread of your choosing)
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- * Directions
- * In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in pineapple and lemon juice. Fold in bread cubes.
- * Pour into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 325° for 35-40 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Yield: 12-16 servings.

12-16 Servings

Prep: 15 min. Cook: 35 min.

Many Starts – Mini Finishes

There once was a quilter named Min.
Whatever she'd see, she'd begin.

A large quilt, a small quilt,
a doll quilt, a wall quilt.

"I'll finished these later," said Min.

Now what shall I start on today?

I guess it will be applique.

Some birds in a group
I'll frame with a hoop.

Today, though, I'll put them away.

"I think I will make a new vest,
in silk, or would cotton be best?

Trapunto I'll do,
then Sunbonnet Sue:

But now I will give them a rest.

"A tote bag I've wanted to sew,
and then I'll try quilt-as-you-go.

A Radiant Star
for next year's bazaar.

Just when they'll be done, I don't know.

"For Christmas I've projects galore.

A tree skirt, a wreath for the door.

I'll make a soft box
and red quilted socks,

and what's not completed, I'll store."

"Is anything finished?" asked Son.
Her answer could only be "None."

so Min made a vow:
She would not allow

more new projects—well, maybe just one.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Check the body of the newsletter for more details.)

August meetings

Board meeting, Tues., August 3, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Evening Guild, Mon., August 23, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Morning Guild, Tues., August 24, 9:30 am

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

September meetings

Board meeting, Tues., Sept. 7, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Evening Guild, Mon., Sept. 27, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Morning Guild, Tues., Sept. 28, 9:30 am

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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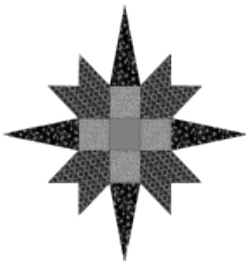
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1/2 page \$40/issue

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