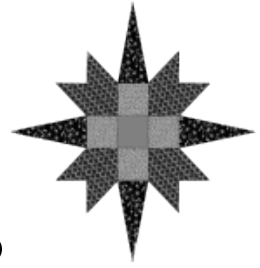


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## **FROM THE MORNING VICE PRESIDENT**

Here it is a hot July day as I type this newsletter from my lake cottage. Luckily I can jump in the lake as soon as I finish. I began my second term as morning VP in June with a wonderful speaker and teacher, Denise McKenna, and look forward to the coming year. We have so many things going on in our Guild that you must read the newsletter from beginning to end. Membership dues are being collected now as well as Quilt Show applications. Our programs this coming year are going to be fabulous so sign up early as some workshops are already full. Our new contracts person, Katrina, is already checking out possible lecturers for 2011-2012. Morning meetings will have Sharon Gaffor as our Hospitality person and our UFO person(s) are Elaine Morgan and in January Gail Myers will take over. Gail just had to stay involved!

Thanks to these girls for helping! Our Quilt Show will be here before you know it so plan ahead on your choices for quilts to enter and sign up to work at the show as well as attend. Our Challenge quilts will be on display as well.

Like our President said last month, please say "yes" when asked to take a position with the Board of volunteer for a position or for one of the smaller jobs. Our talented members not only quilt but are proficient with computers, accounting, and other skills. As for me, I used to teach High School so I enjoy running our meetings. Remember our picnic is in July at the Fox Valley Presbyterian Church and it is ALWAYS fun with delicious food. In August you will another poem read and will enjoy Jill Meade from the Rag Merchant.

Happy Quilting,  
Ginny Wright

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

### Workshop:

## 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

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construction techniques. This workshop will give you the itch to sew clothes.

**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).

**Sign up today!**

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](http://www.missrosiesquiltco.com/Whats_New.html)

**Sign up 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!)

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

[www.karenkaybuckley.com/index.php](http://www.karenkaybuckley.com/index.php)

## **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 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!

## **2011 SCHEDULE**

### **JANUARY**

The Fine Line

[www.finelineca.org/](http://www.finelineca.org/)

### **FEBRUARY**

Janet Blazekovich

### **MARCH**

Teresa Kasch and the Wool Bee

### **APRIL JOINT BUSINESS MEETING**

### **MAY BANQUET**

Helen Squire

[www.helensquire.com/](http://www.helensquire.com/)



### **PICNIC TIME AGAIN!!!!**

Date: Monday, July 26th Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Fox Valley Presbyterian Church

227 East Side Drive  
Geneva, IL 60134

(Map is on website:

[www.fvpres.com/contact](http://www.fvpres.com/contact)

### **What to Bring:**

We encourage you to bring the next generation (or two) of

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quilters to the picnic. We will be having a show-and-tell by those quilting youngsters and then members can also show-and-tell projects they have made for children or teens. Bring along your children, grandchildren, or even young neighbors you have infected with the quilting bug!

If your last name begins with A-O, please bring a main dish salad.

If your last name begins with P-Z, please bring a dessert.

**Please mark your dish and serving utensil with your name so we can return them to the correct person.**

Also, please bring your own plate and utensils. What a great time to use your new PSQG cup! We will be providing iced tea and lemonade.

You might want to bring some cash! We will have some fun

activities, and interesting raffle, (including a fabulous UFO that actually doesn't need to be finished), and your chance to buy something from Instant Gratification Boutique sneak peek sale.

Any questions, please call:  
Sharon at  
847-464-1027

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

The community service chairs would like to thank Elaine Morgan and Lori McNally for their generous fabric donations in June. We also want to thank the members who dropped off binding scraps. Prints for children, primary colors, tone on tones, or other small scale prints would be preferred in you are thinking about donating fabrics in the future. Please bring us your binding scraps as we can put those to use too! If you are considering donating any batting scraps, we would prefer low loft batting.

We currently have kits cut up and ready for piecing, some that are ready for quilting, and we have

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 August 5<sup>th</sup>.....thanks!

Susan Cook, Editor  
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(630)377-8517

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kits for making wheel chair/walker bags. There are also some small pet pads which require a small amount of quilting to complete. These will be used to line the cold steel animal shelter cages. These pads may be done pillow case style, or you may bind. All the projects are small enough to do in a few hours or a weekend. Please consider taking a few kits the next time you are at a meeting.

Check the guild website starting mid-July and see the new Community Service page. This is where you will find all the updated instructions for the projects as well as news on what we are doing with the finished projects. For those without computer access, we of course will have paper copies of instructions available at chapter meetings.

Any questions, contact Susie Wing, Community Service Projects committee rep. Happy Stitching!

## **QUILT SHOW USED MAGAZINES / BOOKS SALE UPDATE**

PLEASE NOTE: **AUGUST 23 & 24  
GUILD MEETINGS WILL BE  
THE LAST DONATION DATE** for Books, Magazines and Patterns before the Quilt Show.

## **DONATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE PICNIC!!!**

If this last date in August is not convenient for you please call me to arrange pick-up or drop-off. Thanks for your generous support.

Kathy Kocunik 630-892-0537

## **CHALLENGE QUILTS**

I am still looking for any "word" challenge quilts to be turned in for the show this year. They are due by August 24th and should include the paperwork which can be found on our website. If you forgot your "word" or need a copy of the form you can call me for further information. Please include the name of any artist who may have inspired your quilt on your form. If you are a new member and would like to make

this challenge quilt, call me and I can give you all the details.

Thanks!

Ginny Wright

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## **INSTANT GRATIFICATION BOUTIQUE**

Bring your cash and checkbooks to the July picnic where you'll have an opportunity to purchase some of the wondrous items we've received for the boutique! There will be pillows, table runners, coasters, as well as Christmas in July.

## **QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS**

Our quilt will be traveling to Batavia, Lake Bluff, Oswego, Joliet, Algonquin, Northbrook, Plainfield and DeKalb in the next three months. We are also trying to contact Crystal Lake, Glen Ellyn, Ottawa and Salt Creek to have it there before our show in October. If you would like to take to have the opportunity of visiting one of these quilt guilds to show our quilt or need additional tickets, contact Deb Figved.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD 2010-11**

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## **2010 PRAIRIE TREASURES QUILT SHOW ENTRIES**

Are you planning to enter one or more quilts in the 2010 Prairie Treasures Quilt Show? Is so, the entry form(s) with color photo (one entry form and one photo for each quilt entered) are due **AUGUST 1, 2010**. Remember, the quilt doesn't have to be done to turn in your entry form – just enough to include a color photo of it!

Just a reminder that to have quilts in the 2010 Prairie Treasures Quilt Show, you must be a paid up member of the guild for 2010-2011.

The entry form is available on the PSQG homepage at <http://www.prairiestar.net/quiltshow.html>

Paper forms will be available at the July Guild Picnic. We will accept completed Quilt Show Entry forms at the picnic or you may return your form to Susan Jensen via email with entry form and photo as an attachment or it can be mailed.

**Note:** *Because the due date for*

*Quilt Show Entries is coming up, you might want to consider the following: if you think you might like to enter a quilt but aren't sure it will be done in time, it might be better to enter it now just in case. Late entries will not be accepted after the deadline, August 1, 2010.*

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(630) 232-9089  
[jensencbs@yahoo.com](mailto:jensencbs@yahoo.com)

### **To Be Judged or Not To Be Judged....**

Many of you have probably wondered to yourself if you should have your quilts judged or not. It seemed that many of you who had your quilts judged at the last show was quite pleased with the feed-back you received. We would like to encourage you to give it a try, so you too can realize just how good your stitches are, how appealing your colors choices are, and how well all those pieces came together.

If you are wondering if this should be the year to take that

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step, we want to give you an idea of the things that a quilt judge will be looking for. We hope the following list of suggested items a judge looks at, will be of help. We all know our own mistakes, so we tend to be harder on ourselves than a judge would be. So, we hope you join the fun and see what great things the judge will say about your beautiful quilts.

- 1.) Accurate piecing
- 2.) Thread used for the piecing should not be visible
- 3.) Smooth edges on the applique
- 4.) Securely fastened raw edged applique
- 5.) Accurately aligned sashing
- 6.) Filled and even binding
- 7.) Accurate mitered corners
- 8.) Even quilting
- 9.) Remove quilting marks
- 10.) Blind stitches on the binding
- 11.) Accurate border measurement to ensure quilt hangs straight

For further questions please contact Kay Nolan, chairman of the Quilt Judging, at [nolan8586@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nolan8586@sbcglobal.net) .

## **EDUCATION**

Many thanks go to Veronica Johnson for her excellent Nine-Patch Display last month. Her presentation was so well received that we ran out of handouts. If you would like a copy, contact Deb Figved at [figved@comcast.net](mailto:figved@comcast.net) or 630-837-6393. She can e-mail you a copy. Copies will also be available at the July picnic and August meetings.

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Education Chairs

Deb Figved and Gail Maggio



July 22, 2010

You know you have been dreaming about it for too long now.

It is time to get up and grab the handles of an APQS machine and find out how this longarm--built in the heartland of America

--can change the way you quilt forever!

I will have the APQS Millennium, and Lenni ready for you to test drive.

Discover how affordable financing can help you own the machine of your dreams. Join me from 1-4 p.m. at Pieceful Times Quilting Company, 16710 Lynch Rd. Dekalb, IL. Call Monica Gum at 815-787-8641.

## **VOLUNTEERS FOR THE QUILT SHOW**

FREE admission to the Quilt Show the day you volunteer at the show for three hours. The Quilt Show committee decided this year that it would be better working one three hours shift and having fewer volunteers on each day. Those that do not volunteer to work at the show will have to

pay to see the show.

The times still open are:

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Quilter Boutique, Raffle Quilt, Book, Patterns & Magazine, Raffle Basket, Fabric Recycling (Scrap Bags) and Quilters Café. For the Fabric Recycling (Scrap Bags) open times are 11:00 until 2:00 and 2:00 until 5:00, the Café open times are 11:00 until 2:00.

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> open times are: Raffle Quilt, 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm: Raffle Basket, Quilter's Boutique, Raffle Quilt, and Fabric Recycling (Scrap Bags) 12:30 until 3:30.

I want to remind you that when you sign up for the 3:30 until 5:00 on Saturday you will need to stay to help take down the quilts.

The sign up board will be at the picnic.

If you can fill any of the open times and will not be at the picnic you can email me with your request of time and I will put your name on the list..

Barbara Stewart

Email: [barb\\_stewart@att.net](mailto:barb_stewart@att.net)

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**July meeting**

**Guild Picnic, Mon, July 26, 6:00 pm**

Fox Valley Presbyterian Church  
227 East Side Drive, Geneva

**August meetings**

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

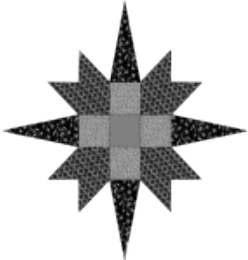
**Evening Guild, Mon., August 23, 7:00 pm**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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