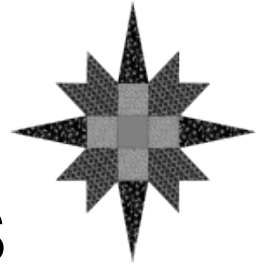


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my first letter as President. Needless to say, I am overwhelmed by this intelligent, wonderful group of ladies that make up our board. I thought we were a happy, fun, talented group of quilters. I found, besides that, these ladies understand budgets, 501C4's, contract writing, insurance responsibilities, and filing tax forms. The board is an amazing group. Much goes on to keep our organization running smoothly; be sure to thank a board member and think about saying "Yes" to the nominating committee people if they ask you to serve. It will stretch you.

The PM and AM meetings are looking for someone who would like to sell chances for the UFO raffle items. It takes just a few minutes before the meeting and during break. (If you are working, you are allowed to get snacks before everyone else.) The evening VP is also looking for an evening Hostess to make coffee and arrange the goodies in a lovely manner. Anyone interested give one of us a call.

Our year ahead looks exciting; we have some wonderful speakers to look forward to.

Claire Erickson

FROM THE EVENING VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Prairie Star,

I'm from Rockford and my name is Abigail. I'm your Evening VP.

June is Dads, Grads and Weddings. New beginnings. The word commencement means "to begin again". June is also when your new board is activated.

This guild grows because of dedication, it's deliberated, studied, thoughtful leadership and fellowship of all members. Fellowship is not a misprint altho fellowship is also appropriate. Fellowship means to be able to come to agreement and to follow thru on plans/activities/workshops/guild shows. This takes a guild. You, me, to become the us that is Prairie Star Quilt Guild. What a group and how lucky I am that for the cost of dues you let me belong. See we let anyone join.

Since I consider myself quilt deprived, my goal is to have smooth, informative business meetings then ON TO THE QUILTS. Show and Tell, my favorite. Eye candy, such diversity of styles; art quilters, crazy quilters, appliques, colors, style, skills.

Evening guild still is in need of a

Hostess, no treats, no eats right now. Bring your water bottles to the evening meeting if you'd like. If you are willing to volunteer to be the Evening Hostess, just contact me.

Quilting is one of our journeys, of color, shapes, design. Our craft is one that we seek to grow, to educate ourselves and each other. May this journey be filled with love, light and laughter.

Let's move into summer next month with our picnic. Check your newsletter for more details.

Love, Light and Laughter,
Abigail Eliot
abigaile1@msn.com

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.

JUNE

June 28 & 29

Lecture:

We kick off the 2010-2011 program year with a focus on paper piecing. Our guild speaker and workshop leader is Denise McKenna from Meadow Lily Bridge. She will share with us her tips on perfect paper piecing - learned the hard way.

Workshop:

Quilter's Advent Calendar

Monday, June 28, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

This workshop is full – thank you for your support!

JULY

July 26

Guild Picnic

Fox Valley Presbyterian Church

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.

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/WhatsNew.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

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

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/

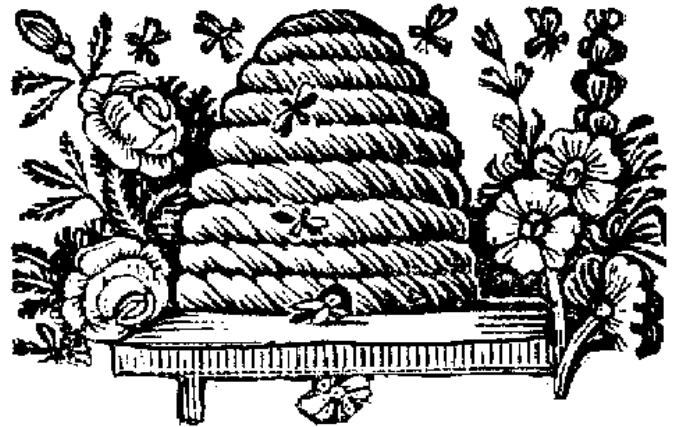
If your last name begins with A - O bring a SALAD

If your last name begins with P - Z bring a DESSERT

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

Also bring your own plates and utensils. We will provide Unsweetened Iced Tea and Sweetened Lemonade along with cups. We will be eating at 6:30 p.m. This is a rain-free picnic!!!

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



www.lucygardens.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)

FOOD:

Main-dish salads and Desserts

BUZZ FROM THE BEEHIVE!

Blue skies, smilin' at me, nothin' but blue skies do I see... Many of us find ourselves busy as bees with vacations, families, gardening, etc. and so stitching finds itself a bit neglected. How about we change that and find a day or two this month to

treat ourselves to time spent outside under a tree with needle and thread?!...maybe a mint julep nearby (I just buzzed in from Savannah so it's a mint julep!), a place to put your feet up or on a quilt to stretch out and some lovely music playing nearby! Now doesn't that sound nice! We certainly can't do that in the winter so let's not forget how special this time of year is, slow down a bit and take advantage of the beautiful blue skies!! Maybe have your monthly Bee meeting outside! Fresh air and stitching are good for the soul!

Just a small announcement, June 24th is the new date for the Daytime Applique Bee Kickoff Meeting! If you are interested in joining us, please email me or Ginny Wright...we'd love to have you! Finally, I'd like to put a little bee in your bonnet and invite your bee to be featured in our next newsletter! Just drop me an email or see me at your chapter meeting and we'll chat!!

The Beehive sends out a big welcome to all the new board members and a special howdy to our new President, Claire Erickson!! We are bee-ming with joy!

Do you have any quilt-related news to share with the guild?

FOR JULY ONLY

email or call Lynn Murphy
drslm@sbcglobal.net
(603)262-1966

Deadline for the next newsletter is July 8th ... thanks!

Until next month...

May the joy of needlework be yours,

Teresa Kasch, Beekeeper
(630) 641-6410
tkasch@comcast.net

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Happy June quilting buddies! As you are rummaging through your stashes, or frequenting your favorite fabric supplier, we would like to ask that you consider acquiring a yard or two of quality fabric in colors or patterns that would be appealing to children up through say age 10. Focus for our projects right now will be quilts for that age range and we want to be mindful of that. In addition, since our work is a reflection of our group, we would appreciate materials that will sustain the wear and tear of a child's use. Unfortunately, some of the donations in the past have been of a lesser quality and we do not think will last as long. We do appreciate whatever you are able to contribute. Look for the Community Service table at the any month's meeting and drop off anything you are able to. We will also have kits available for you to select from and create a comfy quilt for a needy youngster.

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

RAFFLE BASKETS

June is the final month we will be asking you for donations for raffle baskets. The basket theme for this month is "Patriotic." We appreciate any donations with a

patriotic theme, especially hand made items, that you would like to bring to the June meeting. If you have a business and would like to donate a gift certificate, that would be great also. We need it by the June meeting. We also will be "passing the basket" at the June meeting, asking for cash donations to help us purchase a few more items to complete the raffle baskets and make them just a bit more tempting and wonderful!

Don't forget that bee baskets are due at the June meeting. If for some reason you can't bring your basket to the evening or daytime June meeting, give one of us a call and we will make arrangements to either pick up your basket or arrange a time for you to deliver it to us. With your bee basket, please remember to include a complete list of all the items in your basket. Don't worry about doing a final, fancy packing – we will be disassembling it to photograph the contents for on-line display.

Thank you to all PSQG members for your generous raffle basket donations throughout this past year. We think we will have some outstanding baskets. Now you need to begin thinking about buying raffle tickets and winning one of our fabulous baskets. The proceeds from the baskets will be split between the Living Well Cancer Resource Center in Geneva and the Guild.

Your Raffle Basket co-chairs,
Nancy Gambrel
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Marcia Cameron
mec515@sbcglobal.net
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SPRING CLEANING?

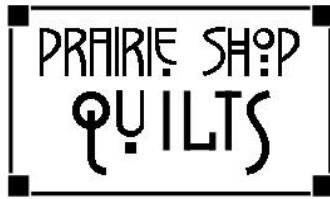
Out with the old, make room for the new. We are still collecting scrap fabric for the quilt show. And for you knitters, we will also collect any scrap yarn you might have. We are happy to get it off your hands, and your conscience. If you will never use it, wondering why you ever bought it, asking yourself 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

CHALLENGE QUILTS

For those of you who started a quilt but didn't finish it in time for the judging, you may turn it in by the August Guild meeting to be shown at our show in October. If you need a new form, see me or it is available on line, as well.

Ginny Wright
ginny.wright@comcast.net
(630) 513-1418



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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.

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 2010-11**

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*indicates co-chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

June meetings

Board meeting, Tues., June 1, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Evening Guild, Mon., June 28, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Morning Guild, Tues., June 29, 9:30 am

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

July meetings

Board meeting, Tues., July 6, 7:00 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Fox Valley Presbyterian Church

227 East side Drive, Geneva

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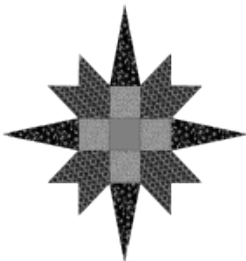
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