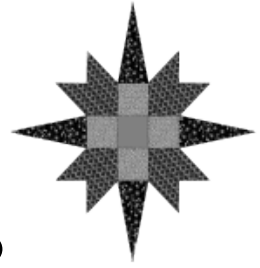


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Quilting Friends,

This will be the last time I get to write to you as President of our beloved Prairie Star Quilters Guild. The next time we meet will be our 30th Anniversary Banquet. It's been a great two years and I'll always be proud that you gave me a chance to keep it going.

You know how everyone says when they get to celebrate a victory, "Now I'm going to ..."? Well, I had the strongest urge to have my own private Shop Hop! I settled for quiet time in my sewing room. Heaven!

I know we'll have a terrific run with our new officers and executive board. Give them all the support you can. Volunteer, share your beautiful works at Show and Tell, and take advantage of our amazing teachers and workshops.

Happy summer and try to find time to quilt!

Gail Myers



THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING EXECUTIVE BOARD

I just want to take the time to list the names of our outgoing Executive Board and thank them for the past year. Some of you have served for two years and will be moving on, so a double "Thank you" to you.

Program Vice Presidents: Susan Jensen and Lynn Murphy

A.M. President: Ginny Wright

P.M. President: Susie Wing

Treasurer: Joanne Sattler

Secretary: Liz Fitzgerald

Newsletter: Jennifer Neuman and Mary Winegar

Education: Deb Figved and Gail Maggio
Membership: Liz Coleman and Diana Knight

Contracts: Jennifer Martin, Susan Jensen, Mary Stewart and Susan Strasser

Nominations: Marty Jacobsen

Quilt Show: Marty Jacobsen

Public Relations: Jan Sharpless

Activities: Caron Carlson

Library: Kathy Kocunik

Bee Keeper: Teresa Kasch

Community Projects: Claire Erickson

This board has been the best! Everyone knew her job and did it well. Thank you so much!

Gail Myers

AND A WELCOME TO THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD 2010-2011

I'm so impressed with the number of PSQG members who said "Yes!" to Marty when she asked you to fill an Executive Board position next year. What a fine group you are and I know my friend Claire will have all the support and help she can use as President of our beloved guild.

President: Claire Erickson
Program Vice Presidents: Susan Jensen, Susan Strasser, Mary Stewart and Jennifer Martin

A.M. President: Ginny Wright
P.M. President: Abigail Eliot (you know, the one from Rockford!)
Secretary: Judy Corfield
Treasurer: Joanne Sattler
Newsletter: Susan Cook
Education: Deb Figved and Gail Maggio
Membership: Elvira Illig, Barb Stewart and Barb Burdette
Contracts: Katrine Maguire
Nominations: Chris Berry and Beth Hoffman
Public Relations: Jan Sharpless
Activities: Chris Schwarz, Sharon Gaffor, and Diane Moore
Library: Janet Miller, Beth Reuter, Liz Fitzgerald and Lori Smalarz
Bee Keeper: Teresa Kasch
Community Projects: Chris Dahl, Anne Wray, Susie Wing and Emilie Pollman
Quilt Show: Lynn Murphy
Quilt Show Co-Chair: Jan Sharpless

Here's to another wonderful year of friends, ideas, inspirations, wonderful teachers and great quilts!

Gail Myers

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Checks made payable to PSQG for workshops can be sent to Lynn Murphy, 3709 Ridge Pointe Dr., Geneva, IL 60134, or email Lynn at drslm@sbcglobal.net.

*****EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – 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 PSQG WEB SITE****

****FOR WORKSHOPS THAT OCCUR DURING THE LUNCH HOUR, LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL FEE****

MAY BANQUET

Monday, May 24

Award-winning quilter, Suzanne Marshall, joins us in May for the banquet and two exciting workshop opportunities! Suzanne learned to quilt by checking out library books and making quilts for her children. As a self-taught quilter, she has made her quilts by trial and error. Suzanne will share her quilting journey with us.

www.suzannequilts.com

Workshops: WACKY BIRD

Monday, May 24, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm,
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Have you ever wondered how to applique a multi-pieced pattern without marking the background or using transparent overlays? This Wacky Bird will come together perfectly and without effort using the take-away applique method. Ideas for enhancing the block with patchwork will be illustrated and discussed. Picture

available at www.prairiestar.net. Cost: \$50 (\$60 for non-members)

QUILTING WITHOUT A HOOP OR FRAME

Tuesday, May 25, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church
YES, it is possible to quilt without a frame or a hoop! Wonderful results can be obtained, often with smaller stitches, by using this quilting method. The class includes preparing the quilt for quilting, discussion of battings, demonstrations, and hands-on experience. This particular method is much less stressful on joints and allows more comfortable sitting positions. The class is suitable for beginners as well as for hand quilters who would like to learn a new way to quilt. Cost: \$40 (\$50 for non-members)

JUNE

Lecture: June 28 & 29

Please join your fellow guild members as we kick off the 2101-2011 program year with a focus on paper piecing. Our guild meeting speaker and workshop leader is Denise McKenna from Meadow Lily Bridge, who will share with us her tips on perfect paper piecing (learned the hard way). www.meadowlilybridge.com

Workshop:

QUILTER'S ADVENT CALENDAR

Monday, June 28, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
This project, which consists of the calendar itself and 24 individual paper-pieced ornaments, has something for both the new and the experienced paper-piecer. Samples in two colorways will be available to drool over at the March evening and morning meetings! Sign up early to reserve your place!

JULY GUILD PICNIC

Monday, July 26
Fox Valley Presbyterian Church

AUGUST

August 23 & 24
Jill Meade, Rag Merchant

SEPTEMBER

September 27 & 28
Carrie Nelson, Miss Rosie's Quilt Company, www.missrosiesquiltco.com/

OCTOBER

October 25 & 26
Karen Kay Buckley
www.karenkaybuckley.com/index.php

NOVEMBER

November 22 & 23
Quilt Show Recap: The Parade of Ribbons!

2011 SCHEDULE

JANUARY

The Fine Line
www.finelineca.org/

FEBRUARY

Janet Blazekovich

MARCH

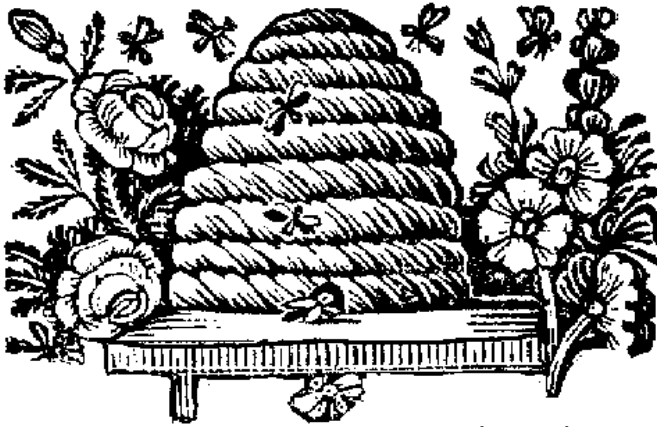
Teresa Kasch and the Wool Bee

APRIL JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

MAY BANQUET

Helen Squire
www.helensquire.com/





www.lucygardens.com

BUZZ FROM THE BEEHIVE!

It's sweet Springtime in the Beehive! We hope you are enjoying the beauty of your gardens and being good to the bees who make it so! Feel free to swat our nasty, angry cousins the wasps, but be good to the darling honeybees!

This month our guild welcomes a new bee -- the *SaturBee*!! *SaturBee* meets on Saturdays from 9am to Noon on the 2nd Saturday of each month. This bee has a permanent gathering location and welcomes other ladies who would like to take some time out of their Saturday morning for friendship and stitching! If you are interested in joining the *SaturBee*, please contact Katrine Maguire at katrinemaguire@gmail.com or email me. Sounds like a perfect way to start a weekend! In June, we kick off a daytime applique bee! Ginny Wright is our hostess on June 3rd and you are welcome to join us! For more information, please email Ginny at ginny.wright@comcast.net or me. This is going to be a terrific group! The wool bee, *Ewe Bee*, has closed it's membership, but a new list for another wool bee is open! If you are interested in a wool bee, chat with me at the Beekeeper table at your next Chapter meeting!

The Beehive is looking for a few members who would like to extend a warm welcome to new PSQG members! Yes, we need you! We would like to begin a list of members who are willing to sit with a new member at a meeting and fill them in on all that goes on at a PSQG meeting, what are all those tables for in the back of the room, what's a quilt show, a UFO (where?!) and who is Gail Myers? You remember all those questions firing off in your brain as you sat in on your first guild meeting ... let's help out the new members feel welcome and get involved! Please email me or see me at your Chapter meeting and we'll get this going as our new guild year begins! Thanks!!

Here are five very welcoming ladies who are friendly and talented! Let's meet *What'll It Bee* ...



How long have you been together as a Bee? 4 years

How many are in your Bee? 5

How did you all come up with your Bee name? With much discussion -- and we've trying to think of a new name for the last 3½ years ... any suggestions?

What kind of projects do you all like to work on? We do a variety of quilt-related projects and we especially like to do a project that we can complete or almost complete at one meeting. Because our interests vary, we try projects that only a few of us may be really interested in, but often find that everyone loves it when we're finished.

What does a typical Bee meeting look like? We, of course, have lots to talk about, including show & tell and future projects, as well as bringing each other up to date on our joys, activities, etc. We bring our machines and get to work, with lunch in there somewhere!

How do you organize your Bee meetings/hostesses/etc.? We meet each month in our homes (whoever volunteers for that meeting) and bring our own lunch. We try to have a list of future projects, but usually decide at each meeting what will be next.

Do you do anything together outside Bee meetings? Yes, we do dinners and shop hops, but our absolute favorite is our annual retreat. We will soon leave for our 4th retreat on Monday through Friday in Galena. We rent a great house there,

bring our favorite foods and sew from dawn to well past dusk. It's the best!

What would you all like your fellow guild members to know about your Bee? We decided early on that we wanted to be a working bee to try new things and complete projects. It's really fun to sew, eat and get ideas from each other.

What other hobbies do your members enjoy? Painting, reading, knitting, needlepoint and tennis.

What quilt or quilt block best describes your Bee? Why? We decided it would have to be the Five-Pointed Star. Each of the five of us contributes to make a complete Star!

This bee is closed to new members (yes or no). Sorry -- we are closed to new members. Because we bring our machines to each meeting, we feel we don't have the space in our homes to add to our group.

Many thanks to Judy Herman and the members of *What'll It Bee* (I love your name!!) who inspire us to try something new in the world of needle and thread!! What a bunch of lovely shining stars!!

Have a terrific time at the Banquet with Suzanne Marshall and celebrate quilting, friendship and creativity!!

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

I've enjoyed putting the newsletter together for you for the last two years! Now it is time to pass the baton ... if you have any quilt-related news to share with the guild, please email the new editor, Susan Cook, at sec2004@comcast.net. Deadline for the next newsletter is June 3rd ... thanks!

Jennifer Neuman, Editor
jenniferneuman@wideopenwest.com
(847) 608-4323

SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET!

Riverside Banquets in Geneva, May 24th,
Social Hour at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm.
Thanks go out to the following businesses
who have contributed to our collection of
Gift Certificates for Door Prizes. Be sure
to give a thanks next time you visit their
business:

Prairie Shop Quilts, Batavia
Quilt in Joy, Huntley
Judy's Quilt 'n Sew, Hampshire
Thimbles, Lockport

And thanks to our longarm quilters who
have donated services:

Liz Coleman, Prairie Quilting
Elvira Illig, Elvira's Quilting Service
Sue Pawlowski, Seasoned with Quilts
Nancy Gambrel, Finely Finished Quilts
Caron Carlson, Valley Quilt Studio

If you would like to donate a quilting
related certificate worth \$25 or more,
email me.

Caron Carlson
bigtimequilter@yahoo.com

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 SHOW: USED BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND PATTERNS

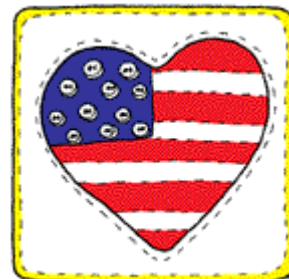
Members, are you doing Spring or
Summer cleaning? There are two more
chances to donate those gently used
books, magazines and patterns (ALL
QUILT RELATED, please) to be sold at our
PSQG Quilt Show in October. **Last
chance to bring to PM or AM Guild
Meetings will be in June and August.**
We are not meeting in May at the church
and in July at the picnic, drop off isn't
possible. If either June or August won't
work for you, give me a call and we can
make arrangements for drop off or pick
up.

HELP NEEDED: For Quilt Show set up on
Thursday, October 14, two more vehicles
(mini-van or SUV) are needed in addition
to my vehicle to transport items to the
site from Aurora. My husband, with
handtruck, will be coordinating, so male
driver not necessary, but would be nice.
Call if you would be willing to help.
Thanks, you'll make my husband very
happy!

Kathy Kocunik (630) 892-0537

RAFFLE BASKETS

The final basket theme we have is
"Patriotic". We'll happily accept donations
at the banquet or the June meetings.



Speaking of the June meetings, all bee baskets will be due by then. Remember that we need a list of all items. Don't bother doing a final, fancy packing -- we will be disassembling it to photograph the contents for on-line display.

We would love a few more hand-made items. If you can provide any of the following, please let us know:

1. We especially need Fall themed decorations. School through Halloween through Thanksgiving.
2. Super hero cape for the "Toys for Boys" basket.
3. Hand knitted slippers, socks, and/or shawl for the "Pamper Yourself" basket.
4. American Girls clothes and shoes.

If you have a business and would like to donate a gift certificate, it would be most appreciated. We need it by June.

If you like soliciting local businesses for donations, contact one of us! Our guild and the Living Well benefit from your generous support!

Your Raffle Basket co-chairs,
 Nancy Gambrel
gambrels@comcast.net
 (630) 584-3959

Marcia Cameron
mec515@sbcglobal.net
 (847) 742-2963

SPRING CLEANING?

Out with the old, make room for the new. We are still collecting scrap fabric for the quilt show. 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

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2009-10

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Nominations	Marty Jacobsen
Public Relations	Jan Sharpless* Susan Carr*
Activities	Caron Carlson
Library	Kathy Kocunik
Bee Keeper	Teresa Kasch
Charity Projects	Claire Erickson

*indicates co-chair

CHALLENGE QUILTS

This is a reminder that has been said but perhaps never been in print. Anyone who made a challenge quilt and used a published pattern as even part of your quilt needs to mention that in your inspiration. If you were a Challenge Quilt WINNER for the calendar, you need to have permission in writing (an email is acceptable) to use the pattern. You can email me or phone me with your information and it will easily be added to your inspiration. Thanks so much.

Also, 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

Quilter's Poem

(author unknown)

Love is a quilt – a quilt is love

...

Both love and a quilt should be:
 Soft enough to comfort you,
 Bright enough to cheer you,
 Generous enough to enfold you,
 Light enough to let you move freely,
 Strong enough to withstand adversity,
 Durable enough to last a lifetime,
 And given gladly, from the heart.

QUILT RAFFLE SUCCESS!

At the April meeting, Beth Hoffman suggested that we all send emails to friends in our address book, including the link to the pictures on the website. I got a very excited email from another member, after she did what was suggested --

“They’re selling themselves!! !!! All I did was send out an e-mail, and post a pic and little note on facebook!! Whoever suggested e-mail the other night was right on!” ~ Becky Allen

Caron Carlson

CALLING ALL EVENING GUILD MEMBERS

Hello, Prairie Star Quilters Guild,

We are in need of assistance at the evening meetings. You are being called upon to answer.

First Call: Need position filled for Treats & Eats (easiest position to hold & fun besides)

Duties include:
 Passing around the clipboard for sign up
 One reminder email or phone call
 Talk to new friends
 Making coffee
 Slight clean up
 Repeat during following Guild Meeting
THAT'S IT!

If evening guild is to continue to have Treats & Eats, we need one person. If no one signs up, it's over, kaput, kapewee. Up to you to take up the banner of

hospitality. I'll even make you a sash if you'd like.

Second Position Available: Need position filled for Best UFO's EVER.

Duties include:

Collect donations of UFO's & Quilt Related Items from members

Remind members to purchase chances

Have pen for folks to fill out their chances

Collect \$\$

Turn \$\$ over to treasurer

Have a hat or basket to put chances in

Draw a name

Give winner the prize

Repeat during following Guild Meeting

Marty made \$500 for the guild doing this, this past year. Let's try to increase that amount. This is also a really, really easy task ... grab your bee friends and do this one together.

Thank you for your willingness to participate. Everyone who participates benefits from the shared laughter, friendship and companionship generated by and from these positions. Please contact me to share in the fun.

Love, Light and Laughter,
Abigail, abigaile1@msn.com
(815) 633-3176

Elizabeth Coleman Owner & Worker-Bee

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Flower Quilt

by Dawn Lazzini

Rows and rows of magnificent color,
sustained by water and sun,
Large and long, through this flower
quilt we run

Beneath the earth's soil, your roots
flourish, grow, and grow
Above ground, your fragrance, your
beauty we know

Variations of colors, sizes, shapes,
with a lovely smell,
A flower quilt, where tiny bugs eat
and dwell

Deep yellows, reds, purples, pinks
and white,
Growing tall, happy and bright

Soft, silky, shapely petals, some of
pastel,
Soon each fall, to bid us farewell

Thick, and healthy, sharing your
appeal,
New petals open with zeal

Flowers quilt the earth,
Showing us its worth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

May meetings

Banquet, Mon., May 24, 6:00 pm
Riverside Banquets, Geneva

June meetings

Board meeting, Tues., June 1, 7:00 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Evening Guild, Mon., June 28, 7:00 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

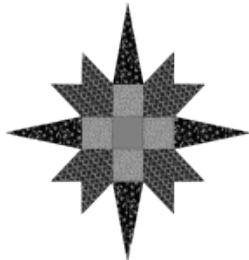
Morning Guild, Tues., June 29, 9:00 am
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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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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