



Pride of the Prairie Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Julie Karlak

Happy New Year!

We are very excited about the 2009 year of lectures, special programs and workshops! January is our special banquet - dinner, games, block and gift exchanges. In February we will vote for new board members and see a wearables fashion show. March is all about borders by EQ expert Barb Vlack. April is our first make-n-take program, no sewing machines required! May is an interesting lecture on modern quilts by designers Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr (Fun Quilts), plus May is also our spring retreat. June follows with a fascinating lecture and can't miss mini quilt show by Edyta Sitar. Whew! And that's just the first six months...

In 2009, we are also starting several free Special Event Programs for members to participate:

- FREE Saturday Workshops (Monthly-Dates and Activities To Be Announced)
- A Round Robin Quilt Exchange
- Hand-Appliqué Quilting Bee
- Windows of Your Imagination Quilt Challenge

Many thanks go out to **Ute Murrin, Jo Sheppard, Julie Guise and Sandy Ringel** who are coordinating these programs and activities.

For our newer members... In addition to our monthly program, the second half of 2009 is when we will get into high-gear to prepare for our 2010 Quilt Show. Since this is our biggest fund raiser, we depend on our entire guild to volunteer and sign up for various committees and activities. (Ahemmmm...Still looking for Quilt Show Chairs) If you've ever been involved in one of our quilt shows, I'm sure you'll agree that it's quite amazing how much we can accomplish and how smoothly things fall into place, once the date and location are set!

Well, that is a look to the New Year. Now for one last word on the past. First of all, I want to pass along a compliment that I have heard many times over the past several years - "Pride of the Prairie is such a friendly guild." Guests and newcomers feel very welcome ~ which speaks so highly about our members.

Secondly, I have been so proud to be associated with this talented group of quilters and feel privileged to have served as President over the last two years. THANK YOU to all the board members and guild members that helped me so much. I am grateful to have had such a team of giving, caring volunteers that I consider friends! Many, many thanks ~ you all have made my time as President a wonderful experience and a cherished memory!

Keep on Quilting,
Julie Karlak

"A friend is one who believes in you before you believe in yourself."

VOTE - February Guild Meeting

In February 2009, we will be voting for a new board and a possible change of wording to our by-laws.

By-Law Change

Why? This wording would create an option for future boards to discuss skipping a guild meeting if necessary, to present the reasons to the guild and allow the members to vote.

By-Laws, Article II, Section 1

Current Wording: "Meetings are held monthly."

Add:

The Board may submit a request to members to skip a monthly guild meeting (or meetings) during the course of one calendar year (because of finances, low attendance or other). Skipping a guild meeting will require a vote by the general members in one guild meeting, a simple majority of those present is needed to pass. The request must be announced and presented for discussion at the previous month's guild meeting and included in the guild newsletter.

If you agree with this by-law change, vote YES. If you do not agree with the by-law change, vote NO.
Submitted by Julie Karlak



MEMBER NEWS

By Jennifer Beatty, Joanne Beatty,
Annette Harrison, Jackie Lowey
and Barbara Wenker

2009 Membership Renewal Time

Everyone must complete a membership renewal form. The forms are posted on the POP website under the membership section, if you wish to complete it at home.

2009 Fees - \$25.00 for one-year membership

Includes receiving your newsletter through an email notice that the newsletter is available on our website..

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to receive your newsletter through the postal service starting with the March-April 2009 issue, please issue a separate check or cash for \$5.00 for tracking purposes to the Membership Committee during the annual renewal of membership dues.

Please make all checks payable to Pride of the Prairie Quilters. If you cannot make it to a meeting, please mail your check and renewal form to: Pride of the Prairie Quilters, P.O. Box 501, Plainfield, IL 60544.

BOARD ELECTIONS

We will be voting for a new board in February 2009. This is a great way to meet other guild members and get involved.

If you are interested in learning more about the positions, please contact our Nominating Committee: Christine Williams or Becky Carpenter.

Our general membership meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 415 W. Main St (near Rt 59 / IL 126) in Plainfield, IL. Guests are always welcome to attend any program for a nominal guest fee. We have a short business meeting followed by our program or guest speaker. Visit our website at: www.prideofprairie.org

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BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

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| Colleen Plucinski | Feb 2 |
| Cindy Obman | Feb 8 |
| Jo Snider | Feb 10 |
| Carol Marland | Feb 12 |
| Debra Janik | Feb 13 |
| Susan Deegan | Feb 20 |
| Christine Heath | Feb 22 |

MARCH

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| Donna Goodwin | March 2 |
| Carol O'Dell | March 2 |
| Christine Williams | March 3 |
| Marianne Murphy | March 11 |
| Patricia Gill | March 15 |
| Joyce Stejskal | March 18 |
| Betty Jo Chaplin | March 19 |
| Marcy Maughan | March 25 |
| Loretta Schultz | March 26 |
| Wendy Yates | March 27 |
| Shirley Ryan | March 28 |
| Geri Macroy | March 29 |
| Jodie Nidey | March 30 |
| Christie Hartdt | March 31 |

2008-2009 BOARD MEMBERS

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|--------------------------|---|
| President | Julie Karlak |
| Vice-President | Sandy Piatak |
| Secretary | Sandy Anderson |
| Treasurer | Anita Marsh |
| Hospitality | Geri MacRoy, Marcia Gray, Jackie D'Arcy & Darlene Ryan |
| Library | Carol O'Dell & Bonnie Orzech |
| Membership | Jennifer Beatty, Joanne Beatty, Annette Harrison, Jackie Lowey & Barbara Wenker |
| Newsletter | Sharon Butvilas sbutvilas@yahoo.com |
| Philanthropy Programs | Jodie Nidey & Valerie Languie Pat Lipscomb, Christie Hardt & Ute Murrin |
| Publicity | Joyce Kolbe |

2009 Advertising Rates

| Ad Size | Year (6 issues) | Single Issue |
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| Business Card: | \$50 | \$10 |
| Quarter Page | \$60 | \$15 |
| Half Page | \$80 | \$20 |
| Full Page | \$160 | \$40 |

Ads must be prepaid and received by Editor before 25th of the month to appear in next newsletter issue.

**2009 PROGRAMS
& WORKSHOPS**
By Ute Murrin

Thurs, January 15, 2009 - 6:00pm
Annual Holiday Party

Tamarack Golf Club
24032 Royal Worlington Dr /Rt 59
Naperville, IL 60564
630-904-4000

We hope many members will participate in one or more of the block or gift exchanges at the Party.

This is our Regular Guild Meeting night.

Block Exchange: Bring a 12 1/2" unfinished block of quilt shop quality Christmas type fabrics and a design of your own choice. Place one unfinished block into a brown paper bag, which you can exchange for every block brought. You can make as many blocks as you want.

Gift Exchange: Bring a wrapped quilt-related gift valued at \$25 for exchange.

Ornament Exchange: Bring a wrapped "handmade" or "handcrafted" ornament to exchange with guild members.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Party and hope you will enjoy the new games to be played after dinner.

**Christine Williams, Sharon Butvilas and
Becky Carpenter, Committee Co-Chairs**

Upcoming Workshops: *Priority registration is now open exclusively to Pride of the Prairie Quilters members for the following workshops. For additional information, please contact Ute Murrin. You may register for any workshop at our regular guild meetings. Payment is required at the time of registration.*

February 19th - Lecture: Fashionable Jackets Trunk Show by Joanne Buttimer

February 21st - Workshop: The Long and Short of It
- Imagine making a jacket that you can wear on both sides. A reversible quilted jacket in various lengths. The longer version has patch pockets on both sides.
Workshop Fee: \$ 30

March 19th - Lecture: Head for the Borders!
by Barb Vlack

http://www.barbvlack.com/about_me/about_me.htm

A must for anyone who wants to add interest and special finishes to their quilt. Take any pattern and learn to customize it by adding custom borders. In this multi-media lecture, Barb leads an exploration

of the use of borders to give a quilt a finishing touch. From single to multiple border quilts, learn to respect the difference the extra effort makes. Get inspired to make an eye-catching quilt by adding a striking border ... or two or three.

April 16th - Make N' Take: Landscape Quilt (free lesson, workshop and materials for guild members)

Learn to make a landscape quilt by using various types of inspiration. Have you ever taken a picture and thought this would make a great quilt. The guild will provide the materials needed, all you need to bring is a rotary cutter, scissors and cutting mat. No sewing machine is needed. You will leave with a quilt that you can finish off with embellishments and quilting. Please make sure you sign up, so we can have enough kits ready.

May 21st Lecture: Transforming Traditions: Modernism and Quilts by Fun Quilts

<http://www.funquilts.com/gallery/gallery1.html>

Early American quilts were born of necessity but have been transformed into a vibrant contemporary art form. We trace this transformation as it parallels changes in art, architecture, design and society. See our quilts to show how our designs are expressive of the era in which we live.

May 23rd Workshop: From Idea to Quilt

You have an idea for an original quilt but you need to figure out the details. What size are the pieces? Does the palette need some work? How are you going to quilt it? How would different binding fabrics change the look of the final quilt? This class is designed to coach you through the process of making an original quilt. Come with the desire to try new colors, techniques and textures. Bring or start a sketchbook and ideas. Workshop Fee: \$ 50

June 18h Lecture: Reasons for Quilting
by Edyta Sitar

<http://www.laundrybasketquilts.com/Edyta/edytaindex.htm>

Let me be your guide on a walk thru historical, political, and personal events that have inspired generations of quilters. In my presentation I reflect on quilters work and how they find inspiration to create, to express, and to mark milestones in their lives. The program is full of historical information as well as touching personal stories that many quilters can relate to. I bring along a large collection of quilts (over 50) that will entertain and inspire. I hope to inspire you with many reasons to continue to create and enjoy quilting even more than you do now.

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QUILT SHOW 2010
By Jodie Nidey

CREATIVE QUILTERS NEEDED

The Whatever May Bee quilters are sponsoring the 2010 Pride of the Prairie Raffle Quilt. We will be taking blind bids for the quilting. We would like to see a sample(s) of your work. We would especially like to see a sample done on a dark colored batik. Please enclose a price sheet also. The quilt needs to be done before March of 2009. Connie Vanni has agreed to be the contact person. Please give her the samples and the bids. She will keep track of who submitted the bids, and then get the bids and samples anonymously to the Whatever May Bee Quilters Raffle Committee. When the bee has selected the winning bid Connie will notify both the bee and the successful bidder. I (Jodie) did this last year and it was fun to see the samples and be the only one to know who did what!

Whatever May Bee Raffle Quilt Committee

**NEW APPLIQUE BEE
AND ROUND ROBIN GROUPS**

NEW APPLIQUE BEE - A new Applique Bee will begin on Feb. 3, 2009. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, this bee is for you. New appliquers will be taught and experienced appliquers will be able to expand and perfect their talents. Sign ups started at our Dec. guild meeting, but we still have openings.

ROUND ROBIN Group(s) are starting in 2009. Would you like to create original innovative quilts? Then this group is for you. Sign ups started in Dec., but more are welcome to participate. A round robin is a quilt made by 5 individuals each creating one portion of each others quilt. It's a surprise at the end of all the rotations.

If you would like more info about bee and round robin, please call Jo Sheppard at 630 636 9442 or via e-mail: josdesigns1@aol.com.



LIBRARY NEWS
By Carol O'Dell & Bonnie Orzech

Happy New Year!

People continue to be very generous to our library. These are the donations that have come in December.

Abby's Schoolhouse by Jodi Barrows; Heavenly Patchwork II by Judy Howard; The Quilt: New Directions for an American Tradition by Quilt National; Kentucky Quilts 1800-1900 The Kentucky Quilt Project; The Quilt Digest #4; The Quilt Digest #5; Illustrated Index to Traditional American Quilt Patterns by Susan Winter Mills; Travels with Peaky and Spike by Doreen Speckmann; Strip-Pieced Watercolor Magic by Deanna Spingola; 50 Fabulous Paper-Pieced Stars by Carol Doak (with CD); The Quilter's Guide to Rotary Cutting by Donna Poster; Complete Patchwork Quilting Course: Basic Strip Piecing Manual by Kaye Wood; Beautiful Foundation -Pieced Quilt Blocks by Mary Jo Hiney; and Scrap Quilts, Fast and Fun compiled by Patricia Willens. Unfortunately, I have (temporarily?) misplaced my list of the ones who graciously donated these items, so if you were one of the three, please let us know so we can complete the records.

Also, after the presentation by Jodi Barrows in November, our library purchased three of her novels, along with the pattern books that accompany them, as well as a ruler.

Our overdue books are as follows: Log Cabin Quilts with Attitude by Sharon Rotz; Quilts to Share by J. Kime; magazine Australian Quilter's Companion #28; Goose in the Pond by Earlene Fowler; Pieced Borders, the Complete Resource by Judy Martin and Marsha McCloskey; Quilted Bags & Purses by Mary Jo Hiney. Please remember because of the January party, no late books will be collected; however, neither will any fines be assessed for January.

We as a guild are thankful for the many donations that come our way, and also to those who continue to look to our library as a source of creativity and help.

Please let us know if in any way we can be of help to you!

Bonnie Orzech and Carol O'Dell

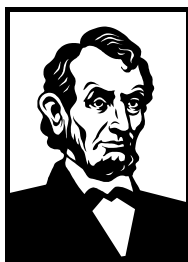
Late Fees on DVD*s are:
One month late \$1
Two months late \$2
Three months late \$3
Fees are accumulative!
(\$1 + \$2 +\$3, etc.)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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(see Programs for more details)

Tues, February 3, 2009
New Applique Bee starts today!
Contact Jo Sheppard
(see page 5 for more details)

Every Tuesday Evening 6 to 9 PM
Minooka Quilting Bee
Open to anyone - Hosted by Bonnie Moss
104 Menominee Drive, Unit C, Minooka
Phone 815-685-6623

Thurs, February 19, 2009 at 7:00pm
Lecture: Fashionable Jackets Trunk Show
by Joanne Buttimer

VOTE: New Board Members and
By-Law Amendments

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