



Pride of the Prairie Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sandy Piatak

Finally summer has graced us with her appearance along with those pesky mosquitoes and gnats which force us to retreat back inside. On the upside, this is a great time to attack our U.F.O. lists and complete at least one of those projects before summer ends.

Our 25th Anniversary celebration will be Thursday July 16 at Zion Lutheran Church located at 11007 Book Rd. and 111th St. in Naperville. This is a wonderful way to celebrate with all your guild friends reminiscing over the past 25 years. I do hope each one of you will have the opportunity to attend since this celebration is all about 'you'. Remember to order your commemorative 25th anniversary bag as you will find many uses for it.

Every time we have Show 'n Tell I am blown away by your talent. You will be generating so much excitement at our quilt show next year. It will be better than ever.

The raffle tickets have been distributed to most of you. Remember it is the guild policy for each and every guild member to sell a minimum of \$20.00 and of course we don't mind if you sell many more raffle tickets. The money from the sale of these tickets goes back to all of the members in the form of education.

During the month of June, many of us attended the Edyta Sitar workshops where she shared her talent enhancing our quilting skills. What an educational time was had by everyone who attended. If you have not signed up for any of the up and coming workshops, do not miss this special opportunity. Our program people work very hard to bring us national teachers to share their special gifts. The workshops allow us to improve on our techniques plus get to know one another.

Many of you have taken on the philanthropy challenge of making at least one pillowcase and baby quilt. A high five to all of you who have taken time out of your busy schedules to donate and support our two causes. "Volunteerism is the price we pay for our space on earth."

Piecefully yours,
Sandy

NEW Member and Bee Tea

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009 at 7:00pm at:
Prairie Stitches Quilt Shop Classroom
72 Main Street, Oswego, IL
630-554-9701

As a new member, this is your opportunity to learn about POP guild and meet other members. The tea will last approximately 1 hour. Come for the information, an interesting evening with games and a better understanding about your guild and ways to make the guild a great experience for you.

If you are interested in joining a bee or would like to add to your existing bee or just want to find about bees, this is the meeting for you.

Light refreshments will be provided.

I will have a sign-up list at the August guild meeting. Any questions and RSVP @ sewobonnie@yahoo.com or call 630-248-4781.

Bonnie Orzech, Vice President



QUILT RETREATS

Fall Retreat – October 2-4, 2009

Back by popular demand, there will be a fall retreat at the Racine Dominican Retreat Center on October 2-4. It is about 1.5 hrs drive from our area, just over the border in Racine, Wisconsin. There are several quilt shops to visit along the way. The sewing room overlooks Lake Michigan with big windows and excellent lighting. Cost includes 3 days of sewing, 2 nights and meals. Option 1: \$151 (6 meals) or Option 2: \$143 (5 meals). Check-in Friday 1:00 PM and Check-out Sunday 3:00 PM. There is a \$10 deposit due at sign-up, non-refundable AFTER 9/17/09.

If you are interested, please sign-up at one of the next guild meetings.

Julie Karlak

HOSPITALITY NEWS

By Marcia Gray, Darlene Ryan,
Jackie D'Arcy and Cindy Obman



BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

MAY HOSTESSES:

Sylvia Kanifar, Cindy Obman, Mary Wojewnik,
Maureen Cross, Sandy Doubek and Bonnie Orzech.

JUNE HOSTESSES:

Cathy Lucas, Jo Sheppard, Sue Schwegler, Sherry
Mitoraj, Maureen Cross, Christine Heath, Ila Migut,
Dave Reschke, Eileen Diercks and Christie Hardt.

Thanks to all who have donated treats at our
meetings. If you haven't brought a treat in awhile,
please share a treat for the next guild meeting.

Mary Wojewnik	Aug 4
Sherry Mitoraj	Aug 6
Jan Mueller	Aug 22
Kathy McCluskey	Aug 30
Judy Giard	Aug 31

SEPTEMBER

Nan Connors	Sept 1
Karyn Holman	Sept 1
Lynn Poulos	Sept 1
Linda Kennedy	Sept 7
Barbara Wenker	Sept 7
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"Q TIPS" aka Quilting Tips

This is a new column that will feature shared quilting
tips or guild member questions. Just email your
question or quilting tip to Sharon Butvilas. I will
include as many as space permits in the newsletter.
Feel free to answer the members directly.

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25th of the month to appear in next newsletter issue.

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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LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy McCluskey and Becky Brillon

The library has 20 books checked out with 11 overdue! Some of these overdue books are nearing a one-year anniversary of being overdue. If you're doing the math that's \$6.00 in fines! Please don't forget that fines for overdue books are \$.50 a month and accumulative. If you have a book on your bookcase at home with a neon yellow or green dot on the spine, you may very well owe some money to the library. July will not count against fines, so anyone who checked out books in June will have an extra month to pull together projects from the books.

Please don't forget that we have some lovely rulers and patterns available for checkout as well. A few of these include two sizes of Flying Geese and Triangles in Squares.

Happy Reading!
Becky & Kathy in the Library

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.)

UPCOMING LOCAL QUILT SHOWS:

July 17-19, 2009 – Batavia, IL

Batavia Quilt & Textile Show sponsored by Batavia Depot Museum, 14 N. Van Buren. \$6 admission. For more information contact chrisw@bataviaparks.org. Featuring 100+ quilts, vendors and demos.

June thru Oct. 1st-Amish Quilt Garden Tours in IN

Tour 16 spectacular flower gardens located at different homes, shops and buildings in Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury and Nappanee, IN. Each garden designed as a quilt with bright colors and unique designs. For more info. visit www.amishcountry.org/QuiltGardens

Aug. 6-8, 2009 – Middlebury, IN “Stitches of Amish Heritage” - The 2nd Annual Essenhaus Quilt Show & Summer Festival at Essenhaus Inn, 240 US 20, Middlebury, IN Adm \$3.00 At the Inn, see a 40x60 ft garden of 7,700+ flowers in quilt designed. Quilters: The Musical play Aug 6 & 7. More info call 800-455-9471 or visit website: www.essenhaus.com.

Sept. 18-19, 2009 - Hoffman Estates, IL

30th Anniversary Quilt Show “Quilted Pearls” Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild is presenting their bi-annual show at Prairie Stone Sports & Wellness Center, 5050 Sedge Dr., Hoffman Estates, IL 60192. This show will feature 300+ quilts, wall hangings, challenge entries, apparel, 20+ vendors and much more. Enter one of our raffles: - An American Girl (TM) Doll with her own custom wardrobe and furniture, handcrafted by our members - A stunning 84" X 84" quilt made from

hand-dyed Cherrywood and batik fabrics, expertly constructed and quilted by our members - a real heirloom piece! For more information, see our website: www.nsqg.net

Sept. 19-20, 2009 – Morrison, IL

River Cities Quilters Guild presents “A Kaleidoscope of Quilts” at the Odell Library Community Room, 307 South Madison St. Morrison, IL 61270 on Sat from 9am- 4pm and Sun. from Noon-4pm. Quilt Show includes displays of quilts and wall hangings, opportunity quilt, mini merchant mall, gift baskets, bed turnings, and demos. For more information contact Sherry Schwartz (815) 772-3664.

Sept. 26 – 27, 2009 – East Peoria, IL

“Autumn Gems Quilt Show 2009” with more than 500 quilts, miniature to king size. bed turning, ASQ appraisals, demos, classes, merchant mall, door prizes, handicapped accessible. free parking, refreshments, live auction and little quilt/boutique. Proceeds from the live auction to benefit the Susan G. Komen Center. For more information, visit their website at www.gemsoftheprairie.com

Website resource for quilt guilds and shows: http://quiltguilds.com/add_your_show.htm

PHILANTHROPY NEWS/2009 PROJECTS

By Sandy Ringel and Julie Guise

Hailing all you multi-crafters! I recently found out that Patternworks is having a challenge for Newborns in Need for knitters and/or crocheters. In brief, you order the kit that contains rules and yarn; then you use that yarn to design your own baby afghan. I ordered mine and can't wait to get started on a design! I'm also anxious to see what colors they send. I like this challenge because it benefits a worthy cause. Here is the link: <https://www.patternworks.com/productdetail/PW2009.htm>

We want to thank you for all your generosity of time, talent and heart. And we encourage you yarn-aholics to consider the Patternworks challenge

Pillowcases - We have now collected 130 pillowcases that have been delivered to Pieciful Heart for ConKerr Cancer. They thank us very much! We will continue to collect them all year. They are so adorable; I just love looking through them before I hand them in!

Newborns In Need - Our baby quilt total is now 40! We will be collecting summer weight quilts through August only. A great big “Thank You” to everyone who has contributed. I hope everyone at the last meeting was able to see how our quilts go into the lovely layette sets that are distributed to the families. They warm the hearts of the parents as well as the bodies of the babies!

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PHILANTHROPY NEWS -
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Please focus on layered baby/child quilts for the remainder of the philanthropy year. If you have some summer weight quilts in process, by all means hand them in, but we need the layered quilts stocked up for the cold weather. Hard to think of needing cold things as I write this with the temp over 90 today!

Newborns in need is thinking ahead for the holidays. --- dig into your Christmas stash and make some NICU light weight quilts. Collected until Nov. only there is a need for 75 quilts size 24x24. Very simple, front and back with lightweight batting in between sewn the same way the summer quilts are made. Please remember to prewash the fabric.

Again the summer weight blankets-baby quilt size- will only be collected through August. I hope this isn't confusing to everyone. NIN serves different local organizations and their requests and needs vary through the year.

Happy quilting!
Sandy and Julie

Challenge Quilt Deadline Changed - An overwhelming response of "Yes!" to the question about needing more time for the Challenge quilt has prompted changing the due date to the October 15th guild meeting. That meeting will be our next Make 'n Take done by Ute Murrin. Only a couple of busy bees actually have their challenges ready now - good for you!!! Unfortunately I'm not one of them. We're 99% sure that we'll still be able to submit them to Paducah by doing this. After the viewing and voting in October, Julie Guise and I will collect the challenge quilts to get them photographed for submission. Hopefully this will relieve the pressure, and maybe others will now have a chance to get one done!

WORKSHOP CRITIQUES

Machine Appliqué Workshop by Edyta Sitar

This was one of the most enjoyable workshops I have ever attended mainly because of the instructor, Edyta Sitar. Edyta is very much a hands on instructor providing in exact details what you need to do and how to do it. Not to mention Edyta's kind and loving nature. Her quilting knowledge/experience is extensive and not limited to machine appliqué. The machine appliqué method used in this workshop is fun, quick, and easy. I have admired appliqué quilts for quite some time but have been hesitant to make one. Now I'm anxious to put appliqué on many quilts to come (sew little time, sew many techniques). I highly recommend taking any workshop given by Edyta Sitar!

Diane Sandberg

FOR SALE, WANTED/ SEARCHING:

For Sale:

29 Inch Hinterberg Floor Stand Quilt Hoop
Finished in Natural --- used once---
Comes with the half hoop attachment.
\$150 Contact Julie Guise

Wanted:

Searching for 1/2" nut with extra fine threads for an old Singer sewing machine that will keep the treadle secured to wrought iron base. I have been unsuccessful in hardware dept. stores. If you have or know someone with spare parts for the bases, please contact Sharon Butvilas.



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QUILT SHOW 2010 NEWS
"Starring Timeless Treasures"
By Marcy Maughan and Christie Hardt

The 2010 quilt show will be here before you know it. To make it successful we need everyone's help! If you haven't already volunteered for a committee, please do so, by calling either Christie Hardt at 815-439-4927 or Marcy Maughan at 630-357-3440.

If you didn't attend the last meeting, please contact Carol Green at 630-325-4523 to pick up your tickets for the Raffle Quilt. Everyone in the guild is given a packet of 4 sets (\$20 worth of tickets) to sell. We would love for our members to sell more than the \$20 worth. The guild member selling the most tickets will receive a gift certificate. Let's get some friendly competition going here. This year's Raffle Quilt is spectacular and I am sure it will be easy to sell the tickets. Price of the tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Let's get as many sold as possible over the next couple of months.

Right now we are in need of Raffle Basket fillers. We need fat quarters and quilting material of all kinds. We need quilting supplies like rulers and cutters, patterns or books. We also need other

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supplies such as a pound of gourmet coffee or tea, baby items, small toys, gourmet candy, perhaps a china cup and saucer. Anything new can be donated to make our raffle baskets appeal to the widest audience possible. Please bring these items to any guild meeting. We are hoping that every guild member contributes at least one or two items to the raffle baskets. We are also hoping that each Bee will collectively contribute a raffle basket.

We are also looking for Silent Auction items. Homemade table runners, place mats, small quilts, and hand made items – knitting, crocheting, cross stitch etc. Each item MUST have a retail value of \$15. Please be generous with your time and talent. Again these items can be brought to the guild meeting.

We will be offering used quilt magazines and books that members donate for sale. If you have a pile of older magazines and want to clean them out, here is your opportunity. Please contact Jennifer Beatty at 815-931-9387 who has generously offered to sort, store and manage the table. You may also bring the donations to the guild meetings.

Sue Harmon will be offering quilt appraisals at the cost of \$45.00 per quilt. You may register for a time with Julie Karlak. Sue is a certified AQS appraiser. A scissor sharpener will also be on hand. He will sharpen the scissors while you wait for \$6.00 a pair. Be sure to pass the word along to your fellow quilters.

Everyone enjoys our monthly speakers and workshops. The proceeds from the Quilt Show funds these guild projects and speakers. Therefore, we need to make as much money as possible from the quilt show. Please do your part!

Silent Auction

It's time to begin thinking about our Silent Auction for the upcoming 2010 quilt show. This is not only one of our fund-raisers for the show, but also an additional display of quilts for visitors to enjoy. We are looking for quilted items to be donated by guild members, and ask that you donate items similar to ones on which you might be interested in bidding and keep in mind that our opening, minimum bid for silent auction items is \$15. We thank you for your generosity and hard work in making this a success.

Our first items were received at the June meeting - thanks to Christie Hardt and Christine Williams for your donations. Articles to be donated to Silent Auction may be brought to guild meetings and turned in to Cathy Lucas or Sandy Fuehrmeyer. Please remember to attach your name, and don't forget to label or sign your quilt! Thank you!

Cathy Lucas or Sandy Fuehrmeyer

*Some "Quilt Worthy" shops in Iowa
by Sue Schwegler*

6:30am - departed Plainfield and drove straight to North Liberty, IA (10 min North of Iowa City - Exit 240 North on 965) **Common Threads Quilt Shoppe 480 W. Zeller St., North Liberty, IA P: 319-626-3160 website: www.ctquiltshoppe.com**. The shop faces Hwy 965.

Arrived 5 min after their 10am opening after 3.5 hrs drive from Plainfield. This is not a very large store but they had lots of Amy Butler Patterns and Fabrics. Woman there told me about the quilt show opening that day in Iowa City. Am I living right, or what!

Back on to I- 80 west to the Amana Colonies. I got off on Exit 225 and went North on highway 151 - 10 miles following the Black & White signs for the Amana Colonies.

In Amana: **Heritage Designs Quilt Shop, 614 - 46th Ave, Amana, IA P: 319-622-3887 website: www.HeritageDesignsQuiltshop.com** A large store located next to the Visitors Center. They have a nice selection of 30's, Civil War, Batiks and nice samples made up. I also bought a leather thimble that many of the Amish use for hand sewing as well as a Thumb pincushion - Cool ! They also have a large section of Needlepoint supplies.

In South Amana: West on the Amana Route to South Amana (Rt 220) to **Fern Hill Gifts & Quilts, 103 - 220th Trail, South Amana, IA P: 319-622-3627 website: www.fernhill.net**. This is a very large store in an old farm house type building. They have lots and lots of gifts on the first floor along with a huge selection of Antique and new Quilts for sale. The second floor has well over 3500 bolts of fabrics. In addition, they carry the full collection from Stephanie Brandenburg beautiful Art fabrics. Website: www.stepheniebrandenburg.com.

When leaving Fern Hill, turn West on Highway 6 for about 3 miles then South on V77. This takes you right past the Williamsburg Outlet Mall and then South into the town of Williamsburg. On the town square is **The Woolen Needle, 225 W. Welsh Street, Williamsburg, IA P: 319-668-2642 website: www.thewoolenneedle.com**. They have a very HUGE collection of the woolen fabrics used for the woolen "penny" quilts just like Ute and Susan make, The balance of their stock is the Jo Morton & Civil War reproduction type - this is not a real big store, but I am glad I stopped.

Next stop was **Grinnell Fiberworks, 805 Fourth Ave, Grinnell, IA P: 641-236-7026 website: www.grinnellfiberworks.com**. Their old address WAS 831 Main St, but they have moved about 2 blocks South and one block East. This store is largely Batiks

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**QUILTING "ROVING REPORTERS" -
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and they specialize mainly in Art Quilts. Not my thing, but maybe yours.

After that, I stayed on Route 6 and went to **Cornerstone Quilts 426 First Ave E, Newton IA P: 641-792-6274 website: www.cornerstonequilts.net** located just on the East edge of downtown. I really liked this shop. The woman was SO helpful. She spent lots of time helping me find just the right fabric to compliment the Round Robin quilt I was working on. They have a large Jo Morton and Civil War line as well as a whole room of 30's - She even let me take a picture of a cute little wall hanging that I think will be perfect for the next Silent Auction. I bought a 30's Jelly Roll with 53 different fabrics for \$35 plus my other fabrics.

After I had a wonderful weekend in Des Moines celebrating my 13th grandchild's 1st Birthday, I headed home.

First stop was in Ankeny, IA, 20 minutes NE of Des Moines was **Quilter's Cupboard**, recently moved a few blocks to **606 SW Third St, Ankeny, IA P: 515-963-8758 www.quilterscupboardiowa.com**. This is a must stop kind of place. The shop looks small on the outside but goes on forever and has something for every kind of quilter with lots and lots of samples, patterns, fabric lines, etc.

Then onto Kalona (about 20 miles southwest of Iowa City off Highway 1). There are two stores in Kalona. The first stop was **Woodin Wheel, 515 B Ave, Kalona, P: 319-656-2240 website: www.woodinwheel.com**, which features antiques and handmade gifts and lots and lots of quilts, some antique and some new. The other shop is called the **Stitch 'n Sew Cottage, 207 4th St, Kalona, P: 319-656-2923 website: www.stitchnsewcottage.com**. It's a small shop but I really liked it because they seemed to have "different" notions, fabrics, etc. After that, I had to head home. . *****

*The Quilt Garden Tour - Northern Indiana
By Bonnie Orzech & Sandy Piatak*

What a lovely long weekend we had in Shipshewana, Indiana. The event began with Marianne Fons giving a lecture of 'why we quilt' along with a box lunch which actually was a home cooked meal. Her lecture was very interesting and informative.

The Backroads Shop Hop had you visiting nine locations, eight unique shops and the Topeka Quilt Show. **Caroline's located in Rome** turned out to be a pleasant surprise. If you have not been to **Lolly's** or **Yoder Department Store**, these are a must see. Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts was having a trunk show at Lolly's on Friday. The Bernina shop had a demonstration on quilting the quilt with Patsy Thompson, she was fabulous. Patsy does wonderful things with thread and the fabric.

We attended two quilt shows which were quite different from one another. The 35th annual Topeka

Quilt Show had folded their quilts and many were for sale. It was difficult to see the quilts since they were folded. The other quilt show was located at the Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana and their quilts were all hung similar to what we do. A good majority of the quilts were hand-quilted and many hand-pieced. Both shows were wonderful to attend.

The Quilt Garden Tour was created to celebrate the artistry and heritage of the Amish people who reside in northern Indiana. Flowers were planted into the shapes of quilt blocks. We saw several but not all since you had to travel all over northern Indiana to see them and of course we were good at getting lost on the back roads. Many murals were painted on the side of buildings. Both of us would have liked a better map or better yet, a tour bus showing us the gardens.

We enjoyed ourselves so much that we made a reservation for next year. Yes, we took our sewing machines and sewed every evening. It was very relaxing and enjoyable. We recommend seeing this part of Indiana. There is plenty of food and shopping for all. *****

Wisconsin Adventures by Sharon Butvilas

Three friends created their own shop hop through the back roads of Wisconsin and begun their adventure from Aurora, IL. After 2 ½ hours or 140 miles, our first stop was **JJ Stitches, 221 E. Main St, Sun Prairie, WI P: 608-837-2266 website: www.jjstitches.com**. This shop has a very traditional feel specializing in reproduction fabrics from 1840-1930 housed in an old storefront but also had many 1930's fabrics and a backroom filled with baby fabrics and samples.

After lunch, onto **Mill House Quilts, 100 Baker St in downtown Waunakee, WI. P: 608-849-6473 website: www.millhousequilts.com** located in an old feed mill warehouse built in 1875. In 1994 the structure was extensively renovated and Mill House Quilts opened for business in 1995. This is a fantastic shop with a variety of fabrics to fill everyone's hearts. A definite shop for fabricaholics who will find it hard to leave without a purchase.

Our third and final stop was at **Country Sampler, 133 E. Jefferson St., Spring Green, WI P: 608-588-2510 website: www.sgcountrysampler.com**. Recognized as a "Top 10 Quilt Shop" winner with a mix of nostalgic American traditional fabrics and home décor gifts and wares. Loads of samples around the shop, in-house designed patterns and fabrics by the owner Jeanne Horton with plenty of wool handwork supplies onhand. Their 2nd story is a quilter's weekend retreat that sleeps seven. A must see shop which showcases reproduction fabrics and quilts by a friendly staff.

Many of these shops are near the famous "House on the Rock" and the Frank Lloyd Wright house "Taliesin." So you can make this a full weekend or just a long day. Be sure to stop at Culver's on the way home for a delicious custard.....we sure did!!

Sharon Butvilas
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Pride of the Prairie Quilters

JULY-AUGUST 2009

FIRST CLASS MAIL



Summer has Arrived!



Independence Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Thurs, July 16, 2009 –at 6:00pm Guild's 25th Anniversary Pot Luck Celebration Zion Lutheran Church 11007 Book Road, Naperville, IL Corner of 111th and Book Road Take a journey through 25 years of wonderful quilt history. Sign ups for Pot Luck dishes.</p>	<p>Wed, Sept. 2, 2009 at 6:30pm Guild Board Meeting Plainfield Art League 24114 W. Chicago Ave. Plainfield, IL</p>
<p>Thurs, Aug 20, 2009 Lecture “Lessons Learned While Quilting” by Catherine Redford Sat, Aug 22, 2009 Workshop Workshop: Go a Little Bit Crazy & Join the New Crazy Quilting Craze</p>	<p>Thurs, Sept. 17, 2009 Lecture “Finding and Unleashing the Creativity Within You” by Debbie Caffrey Sat, Sept. 19, 2009 Workshop “ Power Cutting, Too” (see supply list inside)</p>
<p>Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009 at 7pm NEW Member and Bee Tea Prairie Stitches Quilt Shop Classroom 72 Main Street Oswego, IL</p>	<p>Guild newsletter is published every two months (Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, May-June, Jul-Aug, Sept-Oct, and Nov-Dec). To submit articles for inclusion, email or mail articles to the Newsletter Editor by the 25th of the month preceding newsletter issue dates noted above (more details inside newsletter).</p>

Power Cutting, Too

Supply List

Power cutting is a fast and efficient approach to rotary cutting. Power cutting is a collection of cutting techniques that allows quilters to choose the one that is best for the task at hand. For instance, making a few large half-square triangle units for a quilt should employ a different approach than making many small units. Working with scraps, strips, and charm squares requires different techniques than working with yardage of a few fabrics. I want you to bring fabrics to use for exercises to learn the various methods of power cutting.

This is a process class, not a project class. For the process, bring fabrics you do not mind using for exercises. These pieces may or may not become part of a future quilt. Don't plan to use anything that is really special. See below for more details.

Please bring all of the following to class with you:

- **Books, *Power Cutting* and *Power Cutting, Too* – optional** – You will be provided enough handouts to keep you busy during class.
- **Sewing machine & neutral colored thread**
- **Rotary cutter, a mat that is at least 18" x 24", and the following rulers: a large square (12" - 15") and/or a long ruler (6" x 24", 8½" x 24", or similar size), an Omnigrid 96L (optional), an Omnigrid 98L (optional), and all of the small squares you have.**
- **Pencil or pen**
- **Fabric** For best results, prewash and press all fabrics.

Bring scraps, charm squares, fat quarters, and short yardage pieces. You will need some of the larger pieces, so be sure to include at least a few fat quarters. Select a variety of values, visual textures, and colors. Choose anything that you don't mind using up for the learning process samples. In total, have about a yard of fabric to play with. Obviously, you will not use it all, but it shouldn't take too much space, and I can't imagine any of you not having that much fabric lying around!

Questions?
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