



Pride of the Prairie Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By *Sandy Piatak*

Spring is just around the corner inspiring us to organize our closets (who wants to do this!) or something more beneficial as going to quilt shows, retreats, or fabric shopping with our friends. The colors of spring bring out the brightness of the sun and those glorious flowers which have been hidden in the ground for many months. Our creative side is being enticed to make more colorful quilts that coincide with spring.

If you are one of the fortunate individuals going on a retreat, why not take along one of your UFOs. Yes, I still have UFOs and will have the benefit of having something to complete on my retreat. As a matter of fact, I still have to sew a sleeve and put binding on a quilt for our 2010 show this month. I can't wait to see all the quilts this year because it appears that all of you have out done yourselves once again.

Remember to turn in your **raffle tickets** no later than the **April meeting**, which will be held the fourth Thursday - **April 22** at Peace Lutheran Church. The winning ticket will be drawn at this meeting. I can't wait to see who will be the lucky person to win this stunning quilt.

It is sad that this **raffle quilt** will be gone. We need now to look forward to designing the next raffle quilt. Perhaps, a "Bee" or a group of friends will be willing to tackle this project. The guild as a whole could participate in the creation of this quilt. Contact me if you are interested.

Our Program Chairs (Becky Carpenter & Christine Williams) have done an outstanding job on having nationally known quilters to lecture and share their talents at various workshops. Please sign up and pay early to guarantee your seat in your favorite workshop.

"A Tisket, A Tasket" will be the theme for our July picnic. Marion Bond, Kathy Elstad, Carol Green, and Bonnie Orzech will be our hostesses for this fun time. A block exchange will be announced at this time incorporating the theme of the picnic. I hope many of you consider doing the guild block exchange. The last

block exchange was intimidating at first because I like many of you, didn't feel my workmanship was perfect, and of course it is not (why are we our own worst critic?). What a wonderful surprise when we exchanged our blocks with each other. I have since put all my star blocks together and will have fond memories of this guild exchange. The consensus was to do a block exchange again.

Our Nominating Committee did a grand job. They also have saved the names of those of you that so graciously stated you would be willing to serve another year. A special thank you goes to Cathy Lucas, Joyce Kolbe, and Marianne Murphy for taking on this task.

A New Member and Bee Tea will be held in June. An announcement will be made at the next guild meeting as to the time and place. If you plan on attending this meeting please let Bonnie Orzech or myself know. This tea is open to all members and anyone wanting information about joining a quilting bee.

The Plainfield Food Pantry appreciates your generosity. We will be accepting food and monetary donations throughout the year.

A very special thank you goes to the following outgoing board members: Anita Marsh - Treasurer; Ute Murrin, Susan Lark, Jo Sheppard - Programs; Marcia Gray, Jackie D'Arcy, Darlene Ryan, Cindy Obman - Hospitality; Jackie Lowy, David Reschke, Chris Heath - Membership; Sharon Butvilas - Newsletter; Sandy Ringle - Philanthropy; and Linda Graunke - Publicity. These dedicated members and their contribution to the board will be missed.

Piecefully yours,
Sandy



HOSPITALITY NEWS

January Hostesses: Lynette Greenwood, Carol Marland, Juyne DeLessio, Marianne Murphy, Monica Rodriguez, Geri MacRoy, Lynn Poulos, Julie Guise, Sharon Butvilas and Christine Williams.

February Hostesses: Shirley Ryan, Bonnie Moss, Joyce Kolbe, Christie Hardt, JoAnn Jeffreys and Sue O'Connor.

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.



BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Marcia Obman-Gray	Apr 2
Julie Karlak	Apr 4
Carolyn Oltman	Apr 8
Sandra Somacal	Apr 20
Kriket Warner	Apr 20
Laura Eggers	Apr 21
Monica Rodriguez	Apr 21
Susan Baldwin	Apr 26
Cathy Lucas	Apr 26
Kim Nimtz	Apr 26

MAY

Julie Hart	May 1
Jennifer Beatty	May 3
Ingrid Dickenson	May 4
Donna Ringelstein	May 4
Sharon Smith	May 7
Sandy Anderson	May 9
Kathy Mital	May 17
Bonnie Orzech	May 18
Sue Schwegler	May 29
Connie Vanni	May 29



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Quarter Page	\$60	\$15
Half Page	\$80	\$20
Full Page	\$160	\$40

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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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QUILT SHOW 2010 NEWS
"Starring Timeless Treasures"
Co-Chairs: Marcy Maughan and Christie Hardt

Quilt Show Dates: March 13 & 14, 2010
Location: Richland Grade School
1919 Caton Farm Road, Crest Hill, IL

GUILD MEMBER REMINDERS

- **Hanging Sleeve:** Required on all bed quilts and wall hangings that are over 25 inches in width.
- **Quilt label:** Required on the back of your quilt or wearable with your name and the title of quilt.
- **Pillowcases:** Be sure to have one pillowcase for **each** quilted item going into the Quilt Show marked with your name and quilt title. **DO NOT COMBINE ITEMS IN ONE PILLOWCASE.** Otherwise, you will be asked to separate quilts into their own pillowcase.
- **Guild Name Tag:** Please wear your guild name tag to identify yourself to our guests and newer members.
- **Show Voting:** Members be sure to vote on Sat, March 13th for all categories. All votes will be tabulated on Sat night and ribbons awarded Sunday morning.
- **Set Up Crews on Fri, March 12th:** Members and helpers arriving on Friday evening for setup, please note we will order pizzas for dinner. If you wish to partake, please be sure to bring \$5/person for pizza. Soda and bottled water will be available.
- **Quilt Check-in:** Members can drop off their quilts for the show from 5:00-7:00pm at Richland School. **If you cannot get there by 7:00pm, please make arrangements with someone to bring your quilts in.**

**WANTED USED QUILTING MAGAZINES
AND BOOKS FOR THE QUILT SHOW**

THANK YOU to everyone who has started cleaning out their sewing areas and brought me used quilting magazines and books to sell at the quilt show. I STILL WANT MORE! Since this table will be 100% PROFIT, I will accept as many quilting magazines and quilting books as you can live without. Remember I will be at every guild meeting ready to accept your donations or contact me to make other arrangements. Keep the magazines and books coming! .

NO PATTERNS PLEASE.

Thanks,
Jennifer Beatty

Here is a toast to the New Year and a fabulous 2010 Quilt Show!

Silent Auction: This is not only one of our fundraisers for the show, but also an additional display of quilts for visitors to enjoy. We're 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. Please 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. Articles to be donated to Silent Auction should be turned in to Cathy Lucas or Sandy Fuehrmeyer. **You may also turn in your donations at the quilt show set-up on Friday night, March 12th.** Please remember to attach your name and don't forget to label or sign your quilt!

Raffle Baskets: We are putting the finishing touches on the raffle baskets. They are wonderful!!! We would like to thank all you generous people for all the donations! We have at least 30 baskets! Wow!!! We would also like to thank the individuals and bees who donated baskets. They are amazing and I think people will love all our raffle baskets!

A big thanks again to everyone!
The Raffle Basket Committee

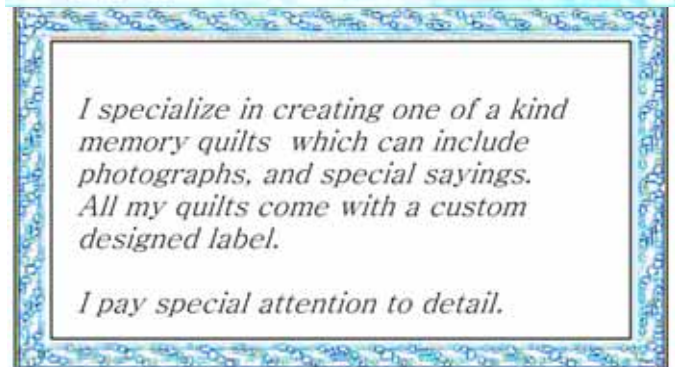


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I specialize in creating one of a kind memory quilts which can include photographs, and special sayings. All my quilts come with a custom designed label.

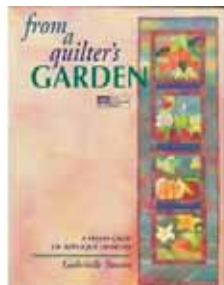
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LIBRARY NEWS

By Becky Brillon

Spring is in the air. In Illinois that may mean one or two days of weather nice enough to get your crocs muddy for two days in what would be gardens and flowerbeds, then twelve days of spring flurries. Instead of feeling defeated by Mother Nature, feel inspired. If you can't plant a garden outside just yet, plant a garden in fabric.

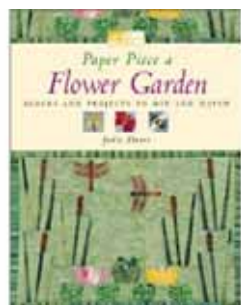
The library has a lovely collection of spring-themed books and projects! Here are a few:



From a Quilter's Garden

by Gabrielle Swain

If gardening is your passion and applique your medium, this book is wonderful. Designs may be realistic or whimsical, depending on the fabrics used.



Paper Piece a Flower Garden

by Jodie Davis - Create a picture perfect garden that you can enjoy all year long with paper piecing! Thirty-six garden-inspired blocks and eight step-by-step quilt plans feature beautiful roses, tulips, daffodils and daisies, just to name a few favorites. Simply choose the blocks you like best, paper piece them in a snap and watch your indoor garden come to life.



Quilted Landscapes

by Joan Blalock - Pieced backgrounds with appliquéd foregrounds and accent details. Joan shows how to construct both styles with excellent line drawings of the piecing. There are several different styles of landscapes mostly fairly realistic. The accent details are a great way to use up small scraps of fabric and tulle, with a little hand stitching if you want. Some lovely effects.

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.)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Kathy Elstad

We would just like to remind everyone that membership dues are due again! We will have registration forms for you at the next guild meeting or you can print from the guild website. Hopefully, we will have new name tags at that meeting so check to see if we do.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members. These are people who have joined since last November. We hope we have not forgotten anyone. If so, please let us know.

A Big Welcome to:

Beth Grossman
Mary Radke
Lisa Benson
Marion Bond
Kim Clarke
Ingrid Dickinson
Julie Hart
Betty Jacobs
Joyce Jaksa
Cheryl Parker
Sharon Smith
Mary Winegar
Sheri Zinkovich
Carol Schneider
Donna Ringelstein



For Sale

Babylock Ellegante Embroidery Machine

This machine is in excellent condition and has just been cleaned and tuned by my dealer. The Ellegante is upgraded to II, version 4.0 and includes the continuous border hoop. Also included is the Magna Hoop, Babylock Workbook, top cone holder set, embroidery cards, USB connect, and new USB flash drive. Also included are 2 bobbin savers with bobbins. Price is \$2,900.00

If interested call Geri MacRoy at 630-932-1710

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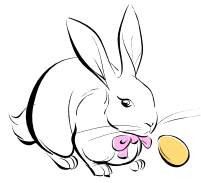
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Here come the Cottontails!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
<p>Thurs, March 4th - 6:30pm Transition Board Meeting Aurelio's Pizza, 14421 Wallin Rd (Rt. 30) Plainfield, IL Phone: 815-254-3500</p>	<p>Thurs, May 20th School House Mini demos rotating every 15 minutes.</p>
<p>Thurs, March 18th Kathleen Tracy, Author American Doll Quilts Lecture: A Little History of Quilting New Location: Zion Church, 111th & Book Road, Naperville</p>	<p>Thurs, June 17th Penny Haren, Author of "Pieced Appliqué" Lecture Sat, June 19th WORKSHOP Sign up soon for this workshop.</p>
<p>Thurs, April 22nd (NEW DATE) Quilt Show Celebration Report and Raffle Quilt Drawing Peace Lutheran Church</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>