



Pride of the Prairie Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sandy Piatak

During the February guild meeting I was so inspired by the sharing of your talents and gifts that I wanted to go home and begin sewing. Our guild is very good at motivating one another to complete our projects. This praise and encouragement will certainly be beneficial in our daily lives.

Several years ago, our then President, Judy Purgason gave us a wonderful challenge. I would like to resurrect her U.F.O. (unfinished opportunities – love this) challenge. We have one year to get our quilts ready for the guild show tentatively in March 2010. If you are like me, you still have some of those projects in various stages waiting to be finished along with several new ones. The challenge once again is to complete U.F.O.'s so that they may be entered into the show. So, consequently I have many items vying for my attention, some waiting to be started! Just to make myself clear, I am not giving up shopping for fabric. On the other hand, this is a good time to take inventory of our stashes and what we don't want donate to the various charities, since we're wondering why that purchase was made in the first place.

Beginning in March, please submit your list of U.F.O.'s in writing (need to keep us legal). They can be emailed or hand printed and sent to Alice Krzak, Secretary. The deadline for the list will be April 30, 2009. Every U.F.O. that is completed (quilted and bound) on your list will give you the opportunity to enter your name in a drawing that will be held in March 2010. Let's "challenge" each and every one of ourselves to complete as many of these 'unfinished opportunities' as possible. The goal is for each of us to have several quilted items in the 2010 show.

My goal for this year is to have more exciting 'challenges' for all of us in the near future. Please stay tuned to the newsletter.

Did you know that this year is the guild's 25th anniversary? How should we celebrate this special occasion? If you have any ideas or suggestions please let me or any one on the Board know your thoughts.

A very special thank you goes to the following outgoing board members: Julie Karlak – President, Sandy Anderson – Secretary, Pat Lipscomb – Programs, Carol O'Dell – Library, Jodie Nidey and Valerie Langué-Ehresmann – Philanthropy, Jennifer Beatty, Joanne Beatty, Annette Harrison, Barbara Wenker – Membership, and Geri Macroy – Hospitality. All of them were dedicated and their contribution to the board will be missed.

QUILT SHOW

Christie Hardt and Marcy Maughan have graciously taken on the biggest challenge of all. They are the co-chair of our up and coming quilt show. The quilt show is our biggest moneymaker and it takes each and every one of us to make it a success. Please make sure that you give them the support they need. Volunteering your time and talent is the greatest contribution you could make to this endeavor.

Piecefully yours,

Sandy Piatak

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm

**Transition 2008 and 2009 Board Members
Meeting and Dinner**

Village of Plainfield
24401 W. Lockport Street
Plainfield, IL

PAST PRESIDENT SENDS THANKS

Thank you for the one-of-a-kind art glass platter, hand-crafted by John Plucinski depicting our guild logo (and pin). It's a perfect reminder of my time as President and I will treasure it always!

Julie Karlak



MEMBER NEWS

By Jackie Lowy, Chris Heath, Ila Migut,
Kathy Elstad and David Reschke



BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Marcia Obman-Gray	April 2
Julie Karlak	April 4
Carolyn Oltman	April 8
Kriket Warner	April 20
Laura Eggers	April 21
David D. Reschke	April 24
Susan Baldwin	April 26
Cathy Lucas	April 26

MAY

Jennifer Beatty	May 3
Sandy Anderson	May 9
Ruthie Herman	May 11
Kathy Mital	May 17
Bonnie Orzech	May 18
Sue Schwegler	May 29
Constance Vanni	May 29

Welcome to POP's Newest 2009-2010 Members

Remember they have a pink name tag, so please make sure to say hello and introduce yourself. If we missed your name, we apologize. Please let the Membership Committee know so we can acknowledge you soon!

Becky Brillon - Plainfield

2009-2010 Membership...Have You Renewed?

We started the renewal process back in November and as always we welcome new members throughout the year. Dues were due by the February 2009 meeting. You may still renew at the March meeting or mail your check and renewal form (it is posted on the website) to our guild's PO Box.

2009 Fees:

\$25.00 for 1 year membership

Includes either (1) receiving your newsletter through e-mail or (2) picking up your newsletter at the guild meetings.

*Additional \$5.00 charged if you wish to receive your newsletter through the postal service delivered to your home.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to receive your newsletter through the postal mail, we need a separate check or cash for \$5.00 for tracking purposes.

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.

2009-2010 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sandy Piatak
Vice-President	Bonnie Orzech
Secretary	Alice Krzak
Treasurer	Anita Marsh
Hospitality	Marcia Gray Jackie D'Arcy Darlene Ryan Cindy Obman
Library	Kathy McCluskey Becky Brillon
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Contracts	Becky Carpenter Christine Williams
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2009 Advertising Rates

Ad Size	Year (6 issues)	Single Issue
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.

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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**2009 PROGRAMS
& WORKSHOPS**

By Ute Murrin, Susan Lark and Jo Sheppard

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.*

**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 at the March meeting so we can have enough kits ready in April.

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.

June 20th Workshop: Stars in Quilts
by Edyta Sitar

This is a splendid workshop to honor one of the most common loved quilt designs - a Star. Edyta will help you to create beautiful star blocks and inspire you by sharing thoughts, knowledge, and star quilts. The "Star in Quilts" workshop features 15 different star patterns. Through these patterns you will look at star blocks, layouts, sashing and different techniques to set stars in quilts. Workshop Fee: \$ 40



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LOCAL QUILT SHOWS

January 16 - March 29, 2009 & April 3 - June 30, 2009, West Chicago, IL

Stories in Stitches. West Chicago City Museum. 132 Main Street, West Chicago. Phone 630-231-3376. Tues-Fri 10:30-3:30 and Sat 11:00-3:30
www.museum@westchicago.org.

April 2nd - Family Drop-In Day

May 12, 2009, 7 PM - Special Lecture

Chris Moline presents Collector's Diary. See quilts in her collection and learn where to hunt for quilts and how to build and document a collection.

March 14, 2009 - Glen Ellyn, IL

Riverwalk Quilters Guild - The Gathering Quilt Show and Luncheon. Saturday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Cost \$35. The Abington Banquet, SW corner of Rt. 53 & Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn. Ami Simms lecture. Two workshops will be offered for a minimal fee. For additional info and to register visit website.

<http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/gathering.htm>

March 27 & 28, 2009 - Decatur, IL

Decatur Quilters Guild - Quilt Fest. Over 250+ quilts. Decatur Civic Center, Corner of US Rt. 51 and US Rt. 36, Decatur, Illinois. Friday 10 to 5 PM, Saturday, 10 to 4 PM. Mini Classes will be offered for \$8 each class - please pre-register by 3/20/09. More info at <http://decaturquiltguild.com>

April 4 & 5, 2009 - Bloomington, IL

Quilts from the Heart, Hands All Around Quilt Guild. Over 200 quilts. The Interstate Center, 2301 W. Market Street, Bloomington, IL. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-4. Call for more info 309-452-8730 - Kristen. <http://haaqg.tripod.com>

April 16 -19, 2009 - Rosemont, IL

International Quilt Festival / Chicago. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. www.quilts.com for more info. Tours April 15th. Classes begin April 16. Show open to public 17 - 19.

April 18, 2009 - Chicago, IL

Quilted Keepsakes, Show and Sale. Featuring Quilts and other works by Myrtle Nims. Saturday, April 18, 2009, 10 am to 4 pm. United Church of Hyde Park, 1448 E. 53rd Street at Blackstone, Chicago, IL 60615. Phone 773-363-1620, more info www.uchpeace.org

April 22 -25, 2009 - Paducah, KY

Paducah Expo Center/Executive Inn, Paducah, KY. 25th Anniversary Quilt Show and Contest. For details - visit website.

http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/

LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy McCluskey and Becky Brillon

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 help and creativity.

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

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.)

HOSPITALITY NEWS

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

JANUARY HOSTESSES: Nancy Rowley, Julie Guise and Sandy Piatak.

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.



QUILT RETREATS

SPRING 2009 RETREAT - Darien, IL

Wonderful, uninterrupted quilting time and only a short distance away! A Spring Retreat is planned for the weekend of May 29-30-31, 2009. (This is AFTER Memorial weekend.) It will be held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center located in Darien, IL for 3 days, 2 nights and 5 meals. The cost is \$160 pp double occupancy, \$185 pp single occupancy. There are still openings. Sign up at the next guild meeting or contact Bonnie Orzech or Julie Karlak. **Payment is due by the March guild meeting.** Note: There is a \$20 last-minute cancellation fee if there is no person to fill your spot.



Sharon Butvilas
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FIRST CLASS MAIL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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