



Pride of the Prairie Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sandy Piatak

Do you ever wonder if we have four equal seasons? Winter just doesn't want to depart. I will say it has been a good season for quilting as many of my projects are completed. I have finished more quilts this year than I have in previous years, but, of course, I am no longer working full-time and have no home-bound children to distract me. My grandchildren visit and then go home. Life is good! Well, I am anticipating by the time this note makes the newsletter, we will be enjoying the glorious May flowers and the days are sunnier (remember when), longer, and warmer. All of these fresh colors should inspire us to make fabulous quilt which we all do so well!

July 16, 2009 mark your calendar's, our big 25th Anniversary celebration. This is a wonderful milestone for any guild to attain. I would like to thank Susan Deegan, Nancy Mancke, Sherry Mitoraj, Kim Nimtz, and Wendy Yates for volunteering to coordinate this wonderful celebration.

How are those UFO's (unfinished opportunities) coming along? Some of you have already begun to check items off your list - way to go! When you begin shortening the list, our quilt show should reap the rewards of your work. What I treasure about our show is that it is truly all inclusive. My first year in the quilt show was a bit intimidating since I felt my skill level was beginner. Well, I was surprised when several visitors to our show inquired about the chenille fabric used in one the quilts I displayed. They wanted the pattern and more information on the construction of the quilt. So, you just never know what an impact your quilt will have on our audience. Our show is made up of all levels as is our audience, which makes the show very interesting and captivating to others.

Okay, for the procrastinators in our guild you will have until midnight May 21, 2009 to turn in your UFO list to Alice Krzak. Her email address: aliceinlibraryland@hotmail.com

Remember our philanthropy challenge, one pillowcase and one baby quilt or receiving blanket from each member in our guild. Volunteerism is the price we pay for our space on earth.

The Make 'n Take during the April meeting was successful. I was impressed with how easily each of you got out of your box; the room was oozing with creativity. Those great landscapes could be a nice addition to our quilt show, something to think about. A big thank you goes to Ute Murrin and her team for all the work preparing for our night of artistic fun.

A very special thank you goes to everyone who has volunteered their time for our March 2010 quilt show. We still have some open positions, so please consider joining the group as we really need you. Any of these positions could be a two person job, pair up with a friend!

Piecefully yours,
Sandy



IQS - Thank You Volunteers

A big thank you to these guild members who volunteered at the IQS show: Carol O'Dell, Tracy Husch-Lissak, Joyce Kolbe, Terri Delano, Judy Gagliardo, Bonnie Orzech, Jacky Lowey, Sue Schwegler, Shirley Ryan, Sandy Ringel and MaryAnn. Also Cathy Lucas, Laura Eggers, and Barbara Wenker for pitching in too!

Even though we were not in a prominent place on the show floor, there were a lot of people who stopped and purchased a ticket. A total of \$330 was raised in one day! We heard many compliments about the quilt and handed out all our guild information plus lots of chocolate. Thank you for all your help!

The raffle quilt will be traveling to local guilds until April of next year. Maybe you couldn't participate at IQS - you can still help by taking it to a local guild. We will be calling for volunteers at upcoming guild meetings, so please sign-up.

Thank you ~

Connie Vanni and Julie Karlak



BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Judy Jacobs	June 9
Debbie Bedell	June 10
Eva Frediani	June 12
Peggy Young	June 12
Maria Giovannini	June 14
Sandy Ringel	June 19
Jo Sheppard	June 20
Jayne DeLessio	June 21
Sandy Dickinson	June 25
Ute Murrin	June 25
Becky Carpenter	June 26
Sharon Mindock	June 27

JULY

Jill Stuck	July 1
Carrie Webb	July 6
Dan Kolbe	July 18
Sharon Nichols	July 19
Lolly Adolfsen	July 20
Eva Katz	July 21
Becky Brillion	July 22
Julie Baird	July 23
Melanie Simington	July 26

Spring POP Quilting Retreat. * May 29, 30, 31 2009

Come for a fun filled weekend with quilting buds, laughter, and rejuvenate your self with uninterrupted sewing time to finish UFOs or start a new project. Your meals will be provided, NO COOKING!!!!

The retreat is at Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL. For directions, a supply list and payment in full, please see Bonnie Orzech at the May Guild meeting or contact her at 630-248-4781.

Fall Retreat – October 2-3-4, 2009

Back by popular demand, there will be a fall retreat at the Racine Dominican Retreat Center October 2-3-4. It's about an hour and a half 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

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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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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.

May 21st Lecture: Transforming Traditions: Modernism and Quilts by Fun Quilts (Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr)

<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 by Fun Quilts (Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr)

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.



Spring is here
and the birds are
singing!

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 plus \$10 kit fee (total \$50)

July 16th Guild's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Help celebrate our guilds 25th Anniversary. Join us on the 16th of July, 2009 as we take a journey through 25 years of wonderful guild history. There is a lot to be proud of. The celebration will be pot-luck, sign-up early and pick your dish. There will be lots of surprises throughout the evening, so mark your calendars. More information will be given at upcoming meetings, as well as potluck sign-up sheets.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR

By Sharon Butvilas

Seeking the hidden "Roving Reporter" in all of us who is willing to share a short review of a quilt show or quilt shop while traveling this summer and fall. Tell us about your fabulous experience or discovery while on your back road adventures.

Please submit your review to Sharon Butvilas. I will include in the newsletter as space permits. Maybe fellow quilters will visit these shows or shops in the future while on their own back road excursions or field trip with bee members.

"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.

Both Questions submitted by Julie Guise

Q: When using Golden Threads or other such quilting paper, why do you have to perforate it first before sewing over it? It's not used to mark the pattern as the design is already there to sew on. So I don't see the purpose or need

Q: Where can I find a free pattern for the tissue holders, checkbook covers, a quickie Christmas ornament and a pin cushion?

WANTED OR SEARCHING:

I was a guild member several years ago and before I left I lent my Winter Whimsies book to another member. I hope this guild member still has my book and would be kind enough to return it to me.

Joyce Kailus
Mobile Phone: 815-342-4628
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The Joliet Hospice needs a sewing machine that can be kept at the Hospice Home. If you have a machine in good working order that you can donate, please call the Hospice Home.

The donation is tax deductible. Hospice volunteers will use the machine to make teddy bears from patients clothing. Also if you have time to volunteer with this project, they would be thrilled, again just call and inquire at 815-740-4104. Thanks.

Marcia Obman Gray

HOSPITALITY NEWS

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

MARCH HOSTESSES:

Geri Macroy, Judy Gagliardo, Pat Criss, Darlene Ryan, Desiree and Maria Giovannini, Valerie Langu and Nancy Rowley.

APRIL HOSTESSES:

Barb White, Marcia Obman Gray, Linda Kennedy, Shirley Ryan, Patricia Gill, Sue O'Connor, Diane Rodenbostel, Katy McCluskey, Sylvia Khanifar and Jo Sheppard.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy McCluskey and Becky Brillon

The library would like give special thanks to Valerie Langu, Pat Jackson, and Sue O'Connor who all donated patterns, pattern books, and/or pattern magazines to the library in the last two months.

Currently, the library has 18 books checked out. Eight of those books are overdue! We'll try to get out email or phone call reminders to the members holding overdue books the week of the guild meeting. Don't forget that POPQ books have a neon dot sticker stuck to the spine of the book. If you spot the neon in your sewing room, you may very well have a book missing its home and the company of its library family.

You may have noticed that our bookcase is overflowing. In the next few months we will be pulling some books and patterns to make room for others. Discards will be priced for sale to POPQ members and available during guild meetings.

Until next time,
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.)



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Member UFO List 2009

Eileen Diercks

Pineapple quilt
Folded flowers quilt
Fall table runner
Diamond jacket
May wall hanging
Christmas wall hanging
Delectable Mountain quilt
Wreath and border wall

Sandy Piatak

Monkey quilt
Snowmen-12
Churn Dash (bee project)
Stars-guild exchange
Football quilt
Tumblers quilt
3 Sheets to the Wind quilt
Strips n' Curves quilt
Cinco de Mayo quilt
Holiday Square Dash
Dresden Star
Bias Baskets
Sedona Stars
Bird of Paradise
Scent of Spring

Bonnie Orzech

Paula & Brett's quilt
Jen's quilt
Robin Churn Dash Christmas
Mom's Quilt
Country Sampler quilt
Cinco de Mayo
Churn Dash (bee project)
Wool Leaf quilt
3 totes and small purse
Stars—guild exchange
Blue/White quilt
Alaska quilt
4 table runners
Tumbler Block quilt
Snowman red work

Linda Graunke

Colorful Nap quilt 4 Danny
Purse for daughter-in-law
Purses for granddaughters
Clothe shopping bags
Pillowcase-Philanthropy Proj.
Baby quilt-Philanthropy Proj.

Diane Sandberg

Prairie Window
Romance
Barns in America
Sq. Dancing in Opryland
Sister's Round Robin
POP Round Robin
Quilt as You Go
Jacket
Unnamed Flower Quilt
Grandma's Flower Garden

Sharon Butvilas

Dawn to Dusk Quilt
Square in a Square Quilt
Christmas Table Runner
Chamelon Lap Quilt
Let It Snow Wool Applique
Baby Quilt for Twins
Baby Quilts for Philanthropy
Pillowcases for Philanthropy

Diane Rodenbostel

Christmas Tree Skirt
Star Block Exchange

Jackie Lowy

Streets of Seattle
Christmas Tree Skirt
Sweet & Sassy
Chenille Sweetness
Flannel Trading Pieces
House Trading Pieces
Churn Dash (bee project)
Witches Brew
Sarah's Sampler
Primitive Sampler
Pumpkin/Ghost
Vegetable table topper
Cat Halloween quilt
Snowman exchange
Santa exchange
Fons & Porter Christmas tree
Farm quilt
Circle quilt
Wash Day quilt
Bargello quilt

Alice Krzak

Primary Colors quilt
ESC Native Amer. Quilt
Churn Dash (bee project)
Stars (guild xchange)
Winter Frost quilt
Mini-block wall hanging
Cats all around
Batik circles quilt
Handkerchief (K.F.) quilt
Seasonal quilt (fall)

Christie Hardt

Applique Bee Quilt
50 Birthday Quilt
Malec Dogs Quilt
Cat Wall Hanging
Cross Stitch Pillow
Black & White Trees
30's Handquilt Quilt
Sunflower Quilt
Buck a Block (pk & br)
Elsie's String Piecing
Square in a Square
Bird Applique Quilt
Snowman Panel Quilt
Christmas Flannel Quilt
Kaleidescope
Halloween Panel
You are the Stars (BOM)
Hexagon Teal Quilt
Vintage Baby Quilt
Bunny Runner
Windows of Your Imag.
Flower Pinwheels
Stack & Whack
Katie's Wedding Quilt
Sister Quilt to Katie
Sister Quilt to Adams
Dogs Getting a Bath
Vintage Children Quilt
Paper Doll Quilt
Star Block Exchange Guild

Peggy Young

30th Wedding Ann. Quilt
Jacob's ladder
Leap Frog kit
Batik Beauty (block swap)
Over the River (Crab Apple)
Monkey Business
Chocolate Pudding
Emily's Wall Hanging
Storm at Sea
Thanksgiving Dr. Hanging

Tracy Husch-Lissak

Kwik Crazy Quilt
Pink Berry Patch
Moda Smore Quilt
Moda Smore Doll Quilt
Snowman Quilt
Beatles Quilt
Aqua & Brown Quilt
Halloween Quilt
Orange/Coral Quilt
Photo Memory Quilt
Santa Quilt
Beach Scene Quilt
Baby quilt 1
Baby Quilt 2

Becky Brillon

Moda Moose & Bear
Santa Panel
Nativity Panel
Ducks Unlimited
Raining Cats and Dogs
Wizard of Oz
International Tractors
Debbie Mumm Garden Pc.
Butterflies
Sunflower Quilt
Flower Pounding Project
Watermelon Bears 1
Watermelon Bears 2
Ants & Watermelon
Attack Cat on Duty
Geisha
Patriotic Snowmen
Reindeer & Chimney
Button Sunflower
Gingerbread
Snow in Love
Cardinals
Sunflower Wall Hanging
Big Dogs
Walmart Bear Project
Work Like a Dog
Bears in Canoe
Don't Feed the Bears
Landscape Quilt

Carol Green

Christian Cross
Kauai Memories
Churn Dash Bee Exchange

Denise Clayton

Halloween Witch
Peace & Plenty
Wool App. Wall hanging
Winter Memories
Snowball Quilt
Smoothing Iron Repro.
30's Posie Quilt
Fall Flannel Quilt
App. Basket Wall hanging
Wanna Bees Mystery Quilt

Christine Williams

Prairie View

QUILT SHOW 2010
By Marcy Maughan and Christie Hardt

Our Quilt Show Is Coming!!

Our quilt show, "Starring Timeless Treasures" is coming. It will be held on March 13 & 14th, 2010 at Richland Grade School on Caton Farm Road, Crest Hill, IL. Although this may seem like it is months away, we need to get the preparations under way NOW!

This is a guild project and its success depends on everyone in the guild helping in some way. Christie Hardt and I are the coordinators. But alone we can't make this project a success. It is the guild's project and everyone should be looking for ways to help. Here are some volunteer opportunities for quilt guild members.

We still have a few openings for committee chairmen. Just email Christie at dolly_co@yahoo.com, 815-439-4927, or me at caoilinn722@yahoo.com, 630-357-3440, to inquire about these opportunities.

Raffle baskets - We need lots and lots of fat quarters to put into the raffle baskets. We also need other filler items. Please donate something! Will you or your bee put together a themed raffle basket? Ideas abound for themed baskets. "A New Beginning" for a baby basket, "Coffee, Mocha, Java, Latte" for a basket of coffee colored fat quarters with coffee and a mug. How about a "Spring Fling" quilt basket since the quilt show is in March? Or a basket of "Food For the Quilter" filled with fat quarters, charms, jelly rolls, layer cakes and honey buns, and maybe some real cookies..... the possibilities are limited only by your imagination. The raffle baskets are a strong source of income for the Quilt Show and generate lots of interest. The committee has already secured the baskets. If you decide to donate themed items, just submit them without the basket as the committee may possibly have other items to add. Contact Raffle Basket chairman Joyce Kolbe at 630-552-9186.

Silent Auction - Please make something for the Silent Auction. It must have a value of at least \$15 per item. We take knitting, crochet, cross stitch and other handmade items in addition to quilting items. These things need to be worked on now to insure they are done on time. If you want to volunteer an item, please contact Silent Auction Chairman, Cathy Lucas at 815-577-6552 or tckr4@sbcglobal.net.

Quilts - Our charming President has issued a challenge to finish up all those UFO's - Unfinished opportunities - so that they can be shown in the quilt show. We need lots of show items - wearables, table runners, quilts of all sizes. Now is the time to plan your entries to next year's show.

Raffle Quilt Tickets - each member will be given 4 books of tickets to sell. The ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. At the very least, please try to sell a minimum of 4 books of 6 tickets per book.. We encourage everyone to sell as many as possible. Carol Green is the Raffle Quilt Ticket Chairman and can be

reached at carolgreen421@comcast.net or by phone at 630-325-4523.

Raffle Quilt - the Raffle quilt needs to travel. Will you volunteer your time to take the quilt to another guild, attend their meeting and sell chances? If so, contact Julie Karlak at 630-416-4243 or email her at jkarak1@comcast.net, or Connie Vanni at 630-427-0012, or coonicus@comcast.net.

Other volunteer opportunities will arise closer to the show date. We will need baked goods for the show, white glove people and help setting up and taking down the show. We need people to man the reception table and collect the entrance money at the show. We need workers to volunteer at the Silent Auction and Raffle Basket booths. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved. Please do your part to insure the success of our "Starring Timeless Treasures" quilt show.

Working together we can make this show the best ever. Thank you to all the wonderful generous people who have already volunteered to head up a committee and are already working to help insure the success of the show. Thanks to the "Whatever May Bee" for creating our beautiful Raffle quilt. Members include Jennifer Beatty, Joanne Beatty, Nan Connors, Colleen Plucinski, Monica Rodriguez-Poelsterl, Lynette Greenwood, Sylvia Khanifar, Nancy Madsen, Anita Marsh, Jodie Nidey, Carolyn Oltman, and Barb Wenker. Assisting with design thanks goes to Ute Murrin. And our quilter was Julie Karlak. Their combined efforts created a stunning raffle quilt.

Best Regards,
Marcy Maughan,
Quilt Show Chair

NEW Member and Bee Tea

Tues., June 2nd, at 7pm held at Prairie Stitches Quilt Shop Classroom, 72 Main St., Oswego IL. Phone: 630-554-9701. As a new member, this is your opportunity to learn about POP guild and meet other members.

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 May guild meeting. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Orzech, VP.

Are you interested in joining a daytime bee? We meet the first Thursday of the month at 1:00p.m. Call: Barbara at 815.730.8237 or Patti at 815.372.3097

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mother's Day

Sun, May 10th



Flag Day June 14th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Thurs., May 21st at 7:00pm Program/Lecture Transforming Traditions: Modernism and Quilts Sat., May 23rd Workshop From Idea to Quilt by Fun Quilts (Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr)</p>	<p>Thurs., June 4th at 6:30pm Board Meeting Plainfield Art League 24114 W. Chicago Ave. Plainfield, IL</p>
<p>May 29-31, 2009 Spring POP Quilting Retreat Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL. See Bonnie Orzech at May Guild meeting or contact her by phone.</p>	<p>Thurs., June 18th at 7:00pm Program/Lecture Reasons for Quilting by Edyta Sitar Sat., June 20th Workshop Stars in Quilts</p>
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