



Pride of the Prairie Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Julie Karlak

In September and October, we asked guild members to give us their cost-cutting and fund-raising ideas. We received a great response and the board discussed each and every idea that was submitted. You also gave us some terrific program ideas.

Here are the highlights...

Cost-Cutting Ideas...

The over-whelming response was to eliminate some of the summer month guild meetings, namely July and August. The board approved this idea and will recommend it. Since this would change our by-laws, (Article II, Section 1) it will be put to vote for all guild members to decide on February 19, 2009.

Charge for mailing newsletters...\$5. Approved by the Board.

A guild member may opt to receive their newsletter via mail. A \$5 fee will apply. (Starting with 2009 membership.) This fee would help to cover postage and printing costs. OR A guild member may opt to receive an email-notice that the newsletter is available on the guild website and can be read on-line or printed out - at no additional charge. The Membership table will also have a very limited number of newsletters for pick-up.

Ute Murrin has contracted many local speakers to reduce travel costs associated with programs and workshops.

Fund-raising idea...

A fabulous idea was submitted to raise guild income AND support the quilt show. It incorporated many individual ideas we had received.

Guild members to donate hand-crafted items, as well as quilted items to sell at a 2009 Fall Holiday Open House. Any unsold items would be used

for the upcoming 2010 Quilt Show - Silent Auction Table and a General Merchandise Table. One 2009 guild program would be dedicated to learning a technique and making an item for the event/quilt show.

We hope you are excited about this fund-raising possibility and we will discuss it further at an upcoming guild meeting!

Program Ideas...

Free Saturday Workshops & Guild-Wide Bee. In various months, a free workshop may be offered for a particular project or technique. Workshop ideas could include learning hand appliqué, hand quilting, a scrap-buster mystery quilt, how to use different rulers, etc. We would seek out talented guild members to volunteer their time for a few hours to teach a skill, technique or project they love to do and share their knowledge with others.

In addition, any guild member can join in on that Saturday (Guild-Wide Bee) to partake in the free workshop, work on their own project or on a philanthropy quilt. This is a great way to meet your fellow guild members; especially for those who cannot join a quilting bee.

Thank you to all who submitted ideas and comments. Your input and creativity is what keeps the guild interesting. I am looking forward to an exciting year in 2009!

Julie Karlak
President

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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MEMBER NEWS

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

Welcome Newest 2008-2009 Members

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

Sue O'Connor-Naperville

Jo Sheppard-Oswego

2009 Membership Renewal Times

Starting at our Dec. meeting the Membership Committee will begin the process for renewals and continue welcoming new members.

Everyone must complete a membership renewal form. The forms will be available starting at our Dec. meeting and will be 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 either (1) receiving your newsletter through email notice it is available on our website, or (2) picking up your newsletter at guild meetings.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to receive your newsletter through the postal service in 2009, 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.

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BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

Victoria Robinson	3-Dec
Pam Eulberg	6-Dec
Beth Grossman	8-Dec
Joanne Beatty	12-Dec
Sandy Fuehrmeyer	15-Dec
Janice McGowan	18-Dec
Carol Green	22-Dec
Sue O'Connor	22-Dec
Joyce Kolbe	24-Dec
Nancy Mancke	27-Dec
Julie Guise	29-Dec
Diane Sandberg	30-Dec

JANUARY

Mary Ann Soloman	2-Jan
Tracey Clark	3-Jan
Judy Gagliardo	3-Jan
Pat Lipscomb	4-Jan
Patricia Criss	5-Jan
Tracy Husch-Lissak	8-Jan
Barbara White	9-Jan
Lynette Greenwood	15-Jan
Jackie D'Arcy	16-Jan
Michael Frediani	17-Jan
Kathy Elstad	19-Jan
Maria Jovanovic	20-Jan
Sandy Doubek	23-Jan
Kelley Thompson	28-Jan
Alice Krzak	30-Jan

2008-2009 BOARD MEMBERS

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	Valerie Langué
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	Christie Hardt
Publicity	Joyce Kolbe

**2008 PROGRAMS
& WORKSHOPS**
By Pat Lipscomb & Christie Hardt

November 20th Lecture: "Three Novel Series"
by Jodi Barrows of SnS Publishing

Jodi's lecture will educate and entertain your group by hearing the stories of the nine main characters in the novel and seeing the quilts from the three blocks.

Jodi has touched thousands of quilters worldwide with her unique method, 'Square in a Square.' She has spoken to quilting audiences throughout the USA, Canada and Australia. She has appeared on TNN's 'Aleene*s Creative Living' and 'Your Home Studio,' 'Perfecting Patchwork' on Family Net TV and PBS series with Kaye Wood. HGTV has shown her commercial on the quilting techniques she has developed on the 'Simply Quilts' show. Jodi is the author of 14 books, producer of four tools, two video/DVD's and five teacher's books. Additionally, she has a pattern book and fabric line based on a fiction novel she wrote from the 1865 time period entitled 'Leaving Riverton.' SquareInASquare.com

Friday, November 21st Workshop: "Prairie Claw"
\$40 (non-members \$50) held at Roberts Sewing Center in Crest Hill from 9:30am-4:30pm. Bring your own lunch or we will order out for food.

This is a great quilt to learn the Square in a Square system. Choose any color combination you like, organized or scrappy. It will look wonderful! The student will learn the basic square construction consisting of speed piecing, Option 1 and Option 3 Flying Geese. We will concentrate on 3 to 5 blocks in class. Jodi will have the required books and rulers required to purchase for this class. Be sure to get your supplies list and cutting requirements well in advance from Pat at 630-420-8583.

December Guild Meeting
SECOND THURSDAY, DEC. 11th

Lecture: "That's My Story" Rachael Wetzler

Rachael is from St. Charles, an award-winning quilter whose work has been shown numerous times in "Quilter's Newsletter Magazine" including once on the cover. She has recently been featured in a field piece in the internet program "The Quilt Show" with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims.

**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
Dinner Cost \$25/person

Sign up with your payment at the Nov. or Dec. guild meeting for our Annual Holiday Party. If unable to attend a guild meeting, you can mail your check for \$25 to Sharon Butvilas, received no later than Dec. 30th. Also you can take a chance to win your dinner **FREE** for the Holiday Party by purchasing a raffle ticket for \$1.00. All proceeds will be used to pay for as many free dinners as possible with all excess raffle monies going into the Holiday Party budget towards door prizes.

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

Block Exchange – Bring a 12 ½" 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 gift wrapped "handmade" or "handcrafted" ornament to exchange with guild members.

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 via phone at (630) 961 5592 or via e-mail at mmurrin@wideopenwest.com. 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

- Programs continued on next page -

2009 PROGRAMS Continued

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.

June 20th Workshop: Stars in Quilts

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

HOSPITALITY NEWS

*By Geri MacRoy, Marcia Gray,
Jackie D'Arcy and Darlene Ryan*

Thanks to all who donated treats. If you haven't brought a treat in awhile, please share a treat in Nov or Dec as we only have one sign up for the Nov. meeting.

SUMMER HOSTESSES: Nan Connor, Barbara White, Carrie Webb, Shirley Ryan, June De Lesseo, Sherrie Miteroy , Sylvia Khanifer, Betty Jo Chaplin, Valerie Langue, Darlene Ryan, Deb Bedell, Jackie D'Arcy and Sharon Butvilas (napkins, plates)..

SEPTEMBER HOSTESSES: Sherrie Miteroy, Kathy McCluskey, Deborah Babarskas, Jackie Lowy, Geri MacRoy (drink mixes), Darlene Ryan, Jackie D'Arcy, and Judy Cozzi (cups)..

OCTOBER HOSTESSES:

Sharon Butvilas and many others.

PHILANTHROPY NEWS

By Jodie Nidey and Valerie Langué

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

By Sharon Butvilas
email: sbutvilas@yahoo.com

Mercy Ministries Project

A big "Thank You" to all who participated in this year's Philanthropy Project. You donated 23 completed lap quilts for Mercy Ministries, 11 Linus quilts and 45 ten inch blocks. All those who receive these quilts will be warmed and comforted by your generosity.



Our second dessert winner from the July picnic is Betty Jo Chaplin and her winning recipe is shared below.

RHUBARB TORTE

CRUST:

1 cup butter
4 tablespoons sugar
2 cups flour

Blend and pat into the bottom of a 9" x 13" pan.
Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

FILLING:

4 ½ cups rhubarb, cut into ½ inch pieces
2/3 cup heavy cream
6 egg yolks, beaten
1 ½ cups sugar
2 tablespoons flour
3 drops of red food coloring

Mix and put over crust. Bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

MERINGUE:

6 egg whites
6 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon cream of tartar

Beat egg whites with sugar and cream of tartar until meringue peaks. Spread on top of torte and brown in 350 degree oven for about 10 minutes. Cool before serving.

When you renew your 2009 guild membership, please be sure to select how you wish to receive your future Guild newsletter starting in Jan. 2009 either via (1) an email notice that newsletter available on our website (default), (2) pick up your copy at the next guild meeting or (3) pay an additional \$5 to Membership when you pay your annual dues to cover postage cost.

If you have an interested article, shop review or quilt related website that you want to share with other quilters, please let me know and I will include the information as space permits.

Just a Reminder - every member of the Guild is entitled to one free ad in one issue of a newsletter annually to sell a quilt related item. If not a quilt related item or you have more than one ad, please refer to the Ad Rates information shown on page 2..

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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

PAPER PIECERS

The 2010 Raffle Quilt Committee is looking for some experienced paper piecers. We need 8 people who are experienced and about 10 others who are somewhat experienced or are willing beginners. We will have the kits for you along with the instructions. Paper piecing is fun and the results are outstanding. If you are a willing beginner we will show you how to do it. The sections need to be completed and returned to the Raffle Quilt Committee (Nan Connors, Jodie Nidey, Anita Marsh, Colleen Plucinski or Barb Wenker) preferably at the November meeting, but no later than the December meeting. The quilt needs to be assembled and quilted and ready to travel by March 2009.

Thank you.

Raffle Quilt Committee



LIBRARY NEWS

By Carol O'Dell & Bonnie Orzech

Welcome ladies to the Library,

Over the past few months we've received many contributions to the library. Some include: Ute Murin, Carol Reuter Brenda Duran, Linda Graunke, and Terri DeLano has brought a number of books from Quilter's Resource. We have added Sally Collins' "Precision Piecing" (book and DVD), "Mariner's Compass Stars", the DVD "No Marking Machine Quilting" by Sharon Schamber, and the DVD by Patsy Thompson "Fast & Free".

A new addition to our library is our ruler collection. Due to the fact that some rulers may be used for particular projects, it was decided to have some in the library to be used many times, rather than just once in awhile. Therefore, we have the following for checkout: Circle Template Set by Omnigridd; Royal Cross Templates (10 1/2" block); Mini Fit to be Geese, pattern & template by Open Gate; Large Flying Geese Ruler by Quilt in a Day (4"x8" and 2"x4" instructions given); Small Flying Geese Ruler by Quilt in a Day (3"x6" and 1 1/2"x3" instructions given) and Triangle in a Square Ruler by Shining Star (3" and 4" sizes).

Here are a few books that are overdue. Could you please check and see if they may be at your house. *Quilts to Share, Big Book of Building Block Quilts, Amish Wall Quilts, the video, Mastering Patchwork by J. Beyer, and I have the card for the DVD, "Sally Collins Teaches You Precision Piecing"*, but no name on the card. Won't you please check for these items. Thank you.

Also, at our last guild meeting it was discovered that we have a fairly large roll of freezer paper for anyone who would like to appliqué. If you can use some, stop by and get a free piece.

And lastly, in the bottom of the library book cart there are a number of photo albums from previous years and a box of pictures. Is there someone who enjoys taking pictures and putting them on DVD's for future use? Maybe you'd like to be our "historian" and move our collection to this new media. If this is something right up your alley, please contact either of us or Julie Karlak.

Our library is a wonderful resource for projects, start to finish. Please let us know if there is something you would like us to add and we'd be happy to look into it.

Happy Quilting, Bonnie and Carol

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.)

POPQ Needs Your Help! **Quilt Show & Board Elections**

We need **your** help. We are looking for a **Quilt Show Chair** and/or Co-Chairs to lead the 2010 Quilt Show as well as a **Quilt Show Treasurer**.

Quilt show chair / co-chairs are needed to lead our guild as a team for the 2010 Quilt Show. Helle-May and Pam Eulberg did an excellent job and kept meticulous notes for the next quilt show. An easy to follow time-line has been developed to keep everything on schedule. Even now we have committees working on the 2010 quilt show. The raffle quilt is underway and soon it will be time to order raffle tickets and coordinate a travel schedule! Won't **you** consider this position?

We also need a **Quilt Show Treasurer**. If you possess basic math skills, and can balance a check book, this position may be for you!

In addition, we are getting ready to find candidates for a full board election, February 19, 2009. If you have never served on the board or have not served in over five years, now is the time to get involved!

We are looking for guild members who may be interested in being a **candidate for a board position**. Terms are for one year (exception Contracts /Programs) with an option to serve for two years.

There are many positions to choose from. Our current board positions are listed as: President*, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Philanthropy, Library, Membership, Hospitality, Contracts/Programs – this is a 2-year position, minimum 2 people or a team or Bee. (*Must have prior POPQ board experience.)

We have a full description of each position listed on our website (by-laws) and any current board member will be happy to share the job details with you. There is a binder for each board position with detailed notes outlining the job and basic duties. The outgoing board members will work with you for the first month to ensure a smooth transition. It's not as scary as you think! Please consider it – it's a great way to meet other guild members and get involved!

Look for your chance to sign up or nominate a willing guild member at an upcoming meeting. OR contact our nominating committee: Christine Williams / Becky Carpenter.



September 2008 Retreat

Thank you to Geri MacRoy for organizing our guild retreat this past September. We had 19 guild members participate and everyone enjoyed the uninterrupted quilting time and the opportunity to get to know one another better. The facility was spacious and very well-lit with a view of Lake Michigan right outside the windows! The Racine Dominican Retreat Center is booked well in advanced and they are saving a weekend date for us in the fall of next year as well as 2010 and 2011 at no charge. You can check out the guild retreat photos at <http://community.webshots.com/user/PrideofthePrairieQuilters>

A SPRING 2009 RETREAT....

Couldn't join us in the fall? Then spring time may be the perfect retreat time for you! A Spring Retreat is being considered for the weekend of May 29-30-31, 2009. It would be held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center located in Darien, IL for 3 days, 2 nights and 5 meals. Wonderful, uninterrupted quilting time and only a short distance away! The cost is \$160 pp double occupancy, \$185 pp single occupancy. Please sign up at the next guild meeting if you are interested or contact Julie Karlak 630-416-4243. If we have 20 participants, we can secure the dates!

Sharon Butvilas
611 Oxford Court
Oswego, IL 60543

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Pride of the Prairie Quilters

NOV-DEC 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Thurs, Nov. 20th Lecture ‘Three Novel Series’ by Jodi Barrows <i>SIGN UP WITH YOUR PAYMENT FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY</i></p>	<p>Thurs, Dec. 11th Lecture ‘That’s My Story’ by Rachael Wetzler <i>MEMERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2009 – LAST MEETING TO SIGN UP FOR HOLIDAY PARTY</i></p>
<p>Fri, Nov. 21st Workshop ‘Prairie Claw’ with Jodi Barrows Held at Roberts Sewing Center in Crest Hill, IL from 9:30am – 4:30pm. Bring your own lunch or we can order lunch out.</p>	<p>Thurs, Jan. 15, 2009 – Guild’s Holiday Party Tamarack Golf Club - Naperville, IL Be sure to sign up at the Nov. or Dec. guild meeting or mail your check by Dec. 30th (more details inside newsletter).</p>
<p>Tues, Dec. 3rd Board Meeting - 6:30pm Held at the Plainfield Art League 24114 W. Chicago Ave. Plainfield, IL Across from the Village Green Park</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>