

*A Newsletter for  
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### **President Jan Mueller**

It happened again this year. Christmas snuck up on me! Wasn't it just yesterday that I was making my resolutions for the year and had promised myself that I "would not let Christmas sneak up on me this year?" I had my list of projects written out. I knew exactly what I was going to make everybody. They were going to be the most beautiful gifts. NO!!! It can't be. Christmas is only 47 days away (less once you get this newsletter). Maybe if I was at a 47 day retreat I could complete my list but I don't think that's going to happen!

I found this poem and thought it was perfect for us quilters who ALWAYS have more ideas than we have time.

*'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And the quilts were not made.  
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.  
The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare.  
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.  
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.  
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.*

*When what to her wondering eyes should appear,  
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.  
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,  
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.  
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,  
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.  
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks  
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.*

*Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.  
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.  
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,  
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.  
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.  
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.*

*She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,  
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!*

*Author Unknown*

Ah, if only we all had a magic bus pull up to help us out! To all of my fellow quilters I wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with love and many blessings!

## Membership



We would like to welcome new members Sarah Maylath, Carolyn Ouder Kirk, Rachel Peirce, Liz Shelbo and Kriket Warner(welcome back) who joined in September.

We would also like to welcome Leslie Nyckel, Sandra Riley and Chris Schwarz who joined in October.

Welcome to the guild. We are now at 141 members.

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## Programs

November 17th - we are pleased to have Frieda Anderson here as a guest lecturer. Frieda will present a lecture entitled Frieda's Fast Fun Fusing. Frieda can be found on the web at [www.friestyle.com](http://www.friestyle.com) and blogs at [friestyle.com/my-blog.html](http://friestyle.com/my-blog.html)

November 18 -Our workshop is entitled Autumn Glory. It will be held at Robert's Sewing Center from 9:30 am to 3:30 PM. The cost of the workshop is \$45.00 which includes lunch. Separately each person will pay Frieda \$30.00 which includes the pattern and Frieda's hand dyed fabrics. This is a great class to come to--no sewing machine needed. It will be a great day before the heavy rush of the holidays hit and dare we mention SNOW!! Spaces are available, please see Geri MacRoy or Kathy Elstad. Supply lists are available.

December 8 - Quilt guild Challenge Quilts are due. Theme for the quilts is Shadows. There will also be an in house program put on by Kathy Elstad and Geri MacRoy on quilt stories. December is a wonderful time to celebrate our quilts! Every quilt has a story and we would like to hear yours! The story might be sweet, make us cry, make us laugh, make us remember another time, or scare us! Please look for a quilt and bring it with your story in December.

January 15, 2012 - Guild Christmas Party at Tamarack, 5 PM, \$25 per person.

January 19- Quilt Show Schoolhouse - directions on how to make a quilt sleeve, what needs to be on your quilt label, pillowcase instructions, labels for the quilt and pillowcase and more about getting your quilts ready to show at the Guild Quilt Show "Stars of the Prairie."

February 16 -Our own Kathy Wall will share her passion and designs of wool projects with us. She has designed an original spring table project for our guild to be taught at a workshop.

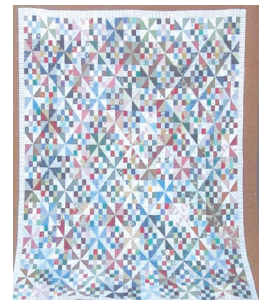
February 18 - Wool workshop with Kathy Wall held at Prairie Stitches. Workshop and lunch fee is \$30. A wool kit for the project will cost \$50. Start time will be announced later.

March 10-11 - Stars of the Prairie Quilt show at Richland Grade School in Crest Hill.

March 15 - Patti Hellenbrand, owner of Village Creek Quilt Shop in Lodi, WI will present "Have Your Cake and Eat It Too!" a lecture on working with precuts. What a wonderful night of fun we'll have exploring some smaller projects after just having finished those big projects for our quilt show

April 19 - Quilt Show Wrap Up and drawing for the Raffle Quilt.

May 17 - Bonnie Hunter, lecture/trunk show and two workshops. Bonnie is a self confessed quiltaholic. She loves scrappy quilts. She has a regular column for Quiltmaker Magazine called "Addicted to Scraps" and is a Kansas City Star Author. Her web site, [Quiltville.com](http://Quiltville.com), has over 48 free patterns and instructions and hints for making wonderful scrappy quilts.



May 18 - Bonnie Hunter Workshop: *Patches and Pinwheels* will be held at Robert's. Member cost is \$45 including lunch. A supply list will be available at our November guild meeting. Please see her web site, [www.quiltville.com](http://www.quiltville.com), and look for workshops for this particular quilt.

May 19 - Bonnie Hunter Workshop, *Midnight Flight* will also be held at Robert's. This is a new block she has designed for the newest book [Quiltmaker's 100 Blocks](#). The layout for this pattern can be seen on Bonnie's web site, [www.quiltville.com](http://www.quiltville.com). Look for the blog dated November 8, 2011. Member's cost is \$45 including lunch. We will provide a supply list at a later date.

June 14- (Flag Day) Harriet Hargrave, lecture and workshop. Harriet is a well known name in the quilt world. Checkout her web site at [harrietha571.corecommerce.com](http://harrietha571.corecommerce.com). She is known for her Quilters Academy books. Her lecture and trunk showing is entitled Heirloom Machine quilting. Many of the techniques she has taught have gone on to win national awards for their quilting. In 1994, she was chosen by a panel of her peers as one of the 88 Leaders of the Quilt World.. In 2006, she was nominated as Professional Quilt's Teacher of the Year. Please come and learn some techniques from one of the best. Guest fees for this evening are \$10

June 15 -16. Harriet Hargrave Workshop. This 2 day workshop will be on "Heirloom Machine Quilting." The costs for this will be \$100, including lunch both days. It will be held at Robert's. A supply list will be provided at a later date. Don't miss this opportunity!

July 19: Millie Sorrels, award winning quilter, will provide a trunk show during our Summer Tea. Throughout the years Millie learned crochet, knitting, handicrafts and learned to paint with acrylics and watercolors. These skill were good training for quilting. In 2010 she won Bernina Machine Workmanship award at Paducah with her quilt "Charisma" and it is now in the National Quilt Museum in Paducah. She also won the Best Machine Workmanship Award at the Knoxville TN show for her quilt "Cathedral Ceiling".

August 16 Holly Froning from the Extension Office with the University of IL will present "Barn Quilts of Kankakee County." Kankakee County has approximately 50 quilt blocks on barns. Some of our members have seen her presentation at Joliet Jr. College and enjoyed it very much. Please join us for this trip.

September 20 - Sandy Klop from American Jane will be speaking on "The American Jane Story in Fabric." Sandy designs fabrics for Moda and has an extensive collection of patterns. Guest fees for this evening are \$10. Please check out Sandy's web site, [www.americanjane.com](http://www.americanjane.com) for her many beautiful quilts.

September 22 - Sandy Klop Workshop, Project to be announced.

October 18 - Our own Julie Baird will be speaking on Machine Quilting.

October 20- Julie Baird Workshop will be on Free Motion Quilting and held at Robert's. Cost to be determined. How many of you would like to improve your machine quilting skills? Join us, won't you?

November 15 - Chris Moline of Paper Pieces will be speaking on "Not just your Grandmother's Flower Garden." Do you have an English paper piecing project or would like to have one? If you have been hanging back, now might be a good time to jump in.

December 13 - Evelyn Young will be presenting a trunk show. She is an award winning quilter and the sister-in-law to one of our members, Peggy Young. Evelyn was recently in the March/April issue of "Love of Quilting" showcasing her quilt "Monkey Business. Her Web site is [www.maruladesigns.com](http://www.maruladesigns.com)

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## 2012 Class/Workshop Policies

If you need to cancel your attendance in a workshop, you will receive a refund only if your reservation can be filled from a waiting list. If there are less than 60 days until the workshop and no wait list, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Otherwise, you forfeit your workshop fees.

Please know that upon receiving your cash/checks for the desired workshop, all funds will be given to the treasurer for deposit.

Please come early enough to be set up for the start of the class. Beginning times and locations will be given for each workshop.

Be prepared. This includes having all items on the supply list, sewing machine in good working order, and basic sewing supplies. It is also suggested to bring an extension cord and power strip. An iron and ironing surface that could be shared would also be helpful.

Cell phones should be silenced during class. If you need to have communication, in case of emergency, please turn you phone to vibrate. If you need to return a call or answer a call, please exit the classroom out of consideration of others.

If you need to leave the class early, please sit near the door.

Non-members may register for a workshop 60 days prior to the class, providing there is an opening. Non-members will pay the workshop fee plus \$10. Occasionally, a waiting list may be initiated before the 60 day period, however, no spots will be given until 60 days prior, allowing members to have ample opportunity to sign up.

In consideration of others, please refrain from wearing perfumes.

Lunches will be provided at all workshops.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS, 2012

March 3-4 Salt Creek Quilt Show at the Community House, 415 W Eighth Street, Hinsdale

February 23-26 Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIII, Hampton Virginia. A Mancuso Show

March 10-11 - Pride of the Prairie Quilt Show, Richland Grade School, 1919 Canton Farm Road, Crest Hill.

March 14-17 - AQS show Lancaster Pennsylvania

April 27-28, Village Quilters, Wheaton IL, First Baptist Church, 1310 N Main Street, Wheaton

April 25-28 AQS show in Paducah KY

October 3-6, AQS show, Des Moines Iowa

August 22-25, AQS Show, Grand Rapids, MI

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## Birthdays

Sharon Nickols, Nov 2  
Chris Sass, Nov 2  
Carolyn Ouder Kirk, Nov 3  
Terri DeLano, Nov 5  
JoAnn Jeffries, Nov 6  
Sylvia Kupferer, Nov 7  
Maria McPhail, Nov 9  
Jacqueline Lowy, Nov 12  
Kathy Mueller, Nov 16  
Nancy Rowley Nov 16  
Sharon Williford Nov 16  
Sheri Zinkovich Nov 17  
Bonnie Moss, Nov 19  
Bonnie Hausler, Nov 20  
Kathy Schneider, Nov 26  
Sandy Piatak, Nov 30



Pam Eulberg, Dec 6  
Beth Grossman, Dec 8  
Joanne Beatty, Dec 12  
Liz Shelbo, Dec 13  
Sandy Fuehrmeyer, Dec 15  
Sue O'Connor, Dec 22  
Carol Green, Dec 22  
Joyce Kolbe, Dec 24  
Nancy Mancke, Dec 27  
Joyce Devries, Dec 28  
Julie Guise, Dec 29  
Carol Schneider, Dec 29  
Diane Sandburg, Dec 30

## Philanthropy

Thank you to everyone who has been generously donating and working on philanthropy items during the past few months. We have collected and delivered much batting for the greyhound rescue, over 200 small bags for Operation Care Package, numerous fleece hats for the troops, food items for the Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry, baby quilts for Newborns in Need, over 20 quilts for Quilts for Kids, and several other miscellaneous articles. You have also generously quilted and/or bound additional quilts for the Quilts for Kids that needed finishing.

We will be working on kits for Quilts for Kids at the November Sew-In. We are still accepting donations of batting, 100% cotton fabric suitable for juvenile quilts, and completed quilts. Check out the Quilts for Kids web site - <http://www.quiltsforkidsillinois.org/> - for requirements and pattern ideas. Any quilt suitable for a child from birth to teens is appropriate and much appreciated.

We anticipate having some additional philanthropy opportunities after the first of the year. Thank you again for your generosity and helping to make a difference through quilting.

Kathy Mital  
Sandy Fuehrmeyer

## Quilt Show News

### RAFFLE BASKETS UPDATE

First, our thank you to Guild Members who have already donated items for our Raffle Baskets that will be available to win at our Quilt Show in March 2012.

Secondly, we still need more donations to make these delightful tempting baskets of treasures for you to win!

This year, the Committee has many intriguing ideas, but we need your help too. Currently, we are collecting the materials needed to make Theme Baskets. For those, we welcome any fabric donation for the following categories:

Batik	Dots	Stars	Patriotic
Christmas	Children	Wool	Newborn
Black/white	Civil War/Reproduction		
Holidays/Seasons			

We also want to provide an array of "other" basket choices that both quilters and non-quilters might enjoy. Ideas for these baskets include:

Coffee	Tea	Wine	Spa
Garden	Holidays/Seasons		

Other NEW donations to add to the above baskets are also welcome i.e. teapot, teacup, coffee mug, coffee, bottles of wine, wine glass, garden items, birdhouse, books, pattern, quilts, spa items, holiday items, etc. Let your imagination

provide you with ideas.

Another idea is a FAT-QUARTER BASKET with a multitude of fat-quarters that would put a smile on any quilters face.

Also planned is a THREAD BASKET which would contain threads that quilters themselves would buy and use.

Of course, all material and threads donated would be NEW and of top quality that a quilter would buy and use.

### GUILD BEES

In the past, some Bees made up their own Raffle Basket to donate. If your Bee decides to do this, the Committee requests that you provide a list of items that are included in the basket and the name of your Bee and the names of your Bee Members.

We do need all items given to the Basket Committee as soon as possible. Baskets for depositing your donations will be at each of the next four Quilt Guild Meetings.

Lastly, thank you in advance for your generosity in making our Raffle Baskets a success at our Quilt Show next year. Any questions, please contact Committee Chair Kathy Elstad at [theelstads@att.net](mailto:theelstads@att.net)

The Raffle Basket Committee

## Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is one of our fundraising opportunities during the upcoming quilt show. We are seeking donations of quilted items and quilt related articles – small and midsized items such as wall-hangings, table runners, baby and throw sized quilts, handmade bags, etc. work well, but use your imagination and creativity. Please keep in mind that our opening bid on all auction items \$15.

Silent auction items can be given to Cathy Lucas or Sandy Fuehrmeyer at any guild meeting. We request that we have your donations in time for quilt show setup in order to properly display them.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Cathy Lucas  
Sandy Fuehrmeyer

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## POP Quilt Show Wants Your Quilting Books & Magazines

Have you started reviewing your stash of QUILTING books and magazines yet? There's still time to donate your gently read quilting books and magazines to resell at our March 2012 Quilt Show. This was huge success in 2010 and is

100% profit for us!

Please bring your donations to our guild meeting or you may drop them off anytime at my home in Shorewood, if no one is home, leave them on the front porch. My address is 927 Summit Creek Drive.

Any questions please contact me, Thanks! Jennifer Beatty

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## Stash Your Wrap

We're going to have a coat check area at the quilt show in March. In case of inclement weather, for just \$1 attendees will be able to check their coats and purchases throughout the day. (This is for guests only, as we will store our things in one of the rooms.)

I'm looking to borrow some portable hanging racks that I would be able to use to hang coats on. I will also need hangers as we get closer to the date.

If you have a hanging rack that could be used, please email me at [quiltermom@comcast.net](mailto:quiltermom@comcast.net)

Carol O'Dell

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## PRIDE OF THE PRAIRIE HOLIDAY PARTY

Join in the friendship, fun and good food as we wind down from all the holiday celebrating on January 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Tamarack Golf Club, 24032 Royal Worlington Dr., Naperville, IL. The cost is \$25.00 per member – sign up will begin at the November guild meeting. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help us out the day of the party, so please let one of us know if you can be available. Following are some activities in which you may wish to participate.

### Plainfield Food Pantry Collection

Bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Plainfield Food Pantry. These items are distributed to needy recipients to a wide range of cities in our area.

### Rolls of Quarters

Bring a fat quarter that has been rolled and tied with a string. It needs to be purchased from a quilt shop (Prairie Stitches, Thimbles, Roberts, Pieceful Heart, Quiltfabric.com, Quilt Merchant, Prairie Shop Quilts – just to name a few). For each “roll” you will receive a chance to win all the rolls in your category. Your roll(s) should be either **1) Batik 2) Civil War or 3) Novelty**

### Holiday Block Exchange

A block of your choice made from holiday colors Unfinished the block should be 12 ½” so that it will finish at 12”. Please use quilt shop quality fabrics.

### Homemade Pincushion Exchange

We all have patterns for cute pincushions. Won't it be fun to see all our creative ideas for cool, practical pincushions. Bring a homemade pincushion in a brown lunch bag to exchange and go home with a cute pincushion.

There will be lots of other fun activities and surprises. Hope to see you there!

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## There will be Pins: How to be a Quilter's Husband Patrick Cook

So your wife is a quilter. That doesn't see so bad, does it? It is a nice quiet hobby, conjuring up images of our sturdy pioneer mothers, keeping their families warm and creating beauty out of old shirts and printed feed bags. You think of plump grannies in rocking chairs, piecing a Log Cabin block by firelight, cat asleep at her feet. An idyllic picture, right?

You're living in a dream world, buddy. They buy their fabric whole now, in yardage and fat quarters" (whatever they are.) They cut this perfectly good cloth into smaller pieces, and then painstakingly, by hand, sew them back together. This process calls into question all the advances of the industrial revolution.

Quilting generates a blizzard of debris. Fabric scraps and batting clog and burn out your vacuum cleaner. (Hint: don't go barefoot. Your feet were never meant to be pincushions.) The cat frequently swallows a length of discarded thread. Soon, one of two things will happen; you won't like either of them.

This is not the end of your problems. There are frequent expensive trips to the fabric store, and even more expensive quilt shows in faraway cities. There are bees, which are little groups of quilters who get together occasionally to complain about their husbands and children. These bees may meet in church basements, but occasionally they come to your house and take over the dining room table. Your presence in the next room won't intimidate them.

Quilting also tends to take up more and more of the house. Sure, your wife might decide at some point that she has enough fabric. I've never seen this myself, but it could happen. More likely, your home will become a candidate for that TV show where some poor fellow's dead body is found under a collapsed pile of old newspapers. In your

case, it will be a tower of yardage and color matched prints.

As far as I know, there is no twelve-step program for quilters, but you may avoid codependency by following these tips:

1. Set up a space outside the living area for the quilting equipment and fabric storage. I have refinished the basement, and we are moving everything down there. Other husbands have constructed pole barns, rented industrial space, or moved to another city under an assumed name.
2. Have your wife make a small business out of her hobby. Internet sales can be lucrative. They might even partially make up for the enormous sums she spends. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Do not participate in the business yourself. First thing you know, you will be maintaining complicated machinery, acting as an errand boy, and dealing with the post office. You have better things to do.
3. Don't be tempted to accompany your wife to quilt shows, thinking that time together will add spark to your relationship. You won't see her all day. You'll wander around aimlessly among the booths, finding nothing remotely interesting., Sure you could meet other lost husbands, and find camaraderie in the nearest bar. Usually, though, a woman in a quilted vest will mistake you for a fabric vendor. She will try to hustle you for free samples.
4. Don't try to distract your wife with other activities, such as gardening, cooking or housework. Though she may have done these things in the past, that is all over now. Quilting is her life. Accept your fate. Learn to cook and run the vacuum. Get a hobby of your own, You could join a softball team-slow-pitch preferably- or simply learn carpentry skills. Then build a pole barn and move into it yourself.
5. Finally remember you are not alone. There are plenty of other quilt widowers out there.



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Sylvia Kanifar sent a note to say she really misses all her friends at the Guild and that she will see everyone at the quilt show in March. Her new address is:

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