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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guild Members,

The Holidays will soon be upon us and, like me, I am sure that you are busy with gifts to make. I get a little over zealous with my list and a few get relegated to birthdays for the upcoming year.

The Sew-In was a great success. Thank you to Margaret and all of her energy and organization to get the soldiers' stockings for Christmas and all of the goodies to fill them. The food was delicious and the door prizes were an extra treat.

I truly appreciate the ladies that have stepped forward to fill some spots that either needed to be filled or unexpectedly opened up. Thank you very much—your contribution to our Guild makes it that much stronger.

"Patchwork by the Lake" was fun and exciting. We had great weather; lots of treats, good food, a walk by the lake and an evening bon fire with "Do-it-Yourself" S'mores. I want to give a Big Thank You to Monica and Marie for all of their work to make the event a success. Thank you to Kathy Bender for the tutorial on English Paper Piecing and special binding techniques and to Dee Pitthan for the Q&A session. If you didn't make it this year, there is always next year!

Silvia has great plans for our Christmas Party and I look forward to seeing you at this fun annual celebration. It will also be the "Big Reveal" for Secret Sisters. This party will close out the year 2011. I look forward to 2012 and the great programs scheduled for our Guild. Looking back, it has been an exciting year filled with projects and changes.

Remember, as the winter winds begin to blow: "Blankets wrap you in warmth; quilts wrap you in Love" (Aprairiehomequilts.com)

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GUILD MEETING INFORMATION

Sinnissippi Quilters meet on the first Thursday of each month (unless announced otherwise) at Bethesda Covenant Church, 2101 E. State Street, Rockford, IL.

Afternoon Meeting: 1 p.m.
Evening Meeting: 7 p.m.

Upcoming Guild Meetings:
Thursday, December 1
Thursday, January 5

Please join us for dinner @ 5:00pm at Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles Street.

Remember to bring:
***Fat Chance Fabrics:**
Dec. - Jewel Tones
Jan. - Yellow

*Secret Sister Gift
*Show & Tell
*Your Nametag
*Special Projects
* **Your Coffee Mug**

There is a scheduled program followed by a business session at each meeting. We invite quilters of all skill levels and their guests to attend. The guest fee is \$5.00.

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December Birthdays

Terry Walter
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 Mary Bonne
 Barbara Kirchmeyer
 Amy Salamone
 Karen Slocum
 Kathy Bender
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 Nancy Noorlag
 Coleen O'Kane
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January Birthdays

Helen Hartog
 Mary Field
 Dee Pitthan
 Deborah Wheeler
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 Dawn Bates
 Judy Peters
 Jane Erickson
 Julie Cuccinelli
 Anne Brown
 Christine Osborn
 Donna Layng
 Marie Tovo
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Help Needed

Please turn in blocks to Colleen Magee for the **Girl Scout Quilt Raffle** at the December meeting. If you can't make it, please contact her.

Special Projects could use a volunteer to make more **neonatal quilt labels**. A volunteer is also sought for **making burp cloths**. See (or call) Anne Brown.

Pam Surmo will be making up more block kits for the **Children's Home and Aid Society Raffle Quilt**. Pick up one at the December meeting, to be returned at the January meeting.

No one has volunteered for **Special Projects II**, so the job has been split up into a committee. We still need someone to help Amy Ottens with the Neonatal Sew-In in 2013, and someone to chair Charity Quilts. This person does NOT need to oversee every charity quilt—only to be sure that someone has volunteered to see the project through. You will be a champion of delegating! Please see or call Colleen Magee, if you are available.

Dee Pitthan is looking for helpers to make the **Guild Raffle Quilt** to be sold in 2013. The Quilt Show theme has been determined—"Global Connections".



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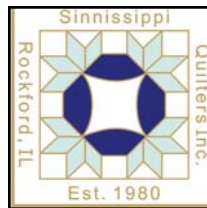
- Dec 1** **Christmas Party.** This year, the afternoon folks will enjoy a delightful potluck with prettily decorated tables. The evening folks will enjoy appetizers/finger food/deserts with prettily decorated tables. We will be making ornaments from kits. See Page 6 for more information.
- Jan 5** **Polly Perkins—Quilt Stories.** Polly started quilting about 30 years ago when she saw ladies at the church working around a quilting frame making a quilt for the church bazaar. She worked with an elderly neighbor to make her first quilt, which she still has. Four years ago, she retired from her educational career and, at the same time, the quilt shop in town was in the process of closing. After some family encouragement, she was embarking on her next career.
- Feb 2** **Beth Ferrier. Afternoon: Pieces of a Quilter's Life. Evening: When Finishing is Highly Overrated.** Beth was given her first sewing kit in kindergarten and has been putting needle to thread ever since. *Quilters Newsletter Magazine*, December/January 2011 issue, carried an article on using the decorative stitches in your machine, as well as a table runner pattern of Beth's.
- Mar 1** **Judy Coates-Perez. Afternoon: It's All in the Process: Making An Award Winning Quilt and Everything That Can Go Wrong Along the Way. Evening: Inspiration. Where Does It Come From?** Judy is an international award-winning textile artist, well-known for her highly detailed, colorfully painted whole-cloth quilts. She believes that all the places she has lived has had an effect on her path as a quilter and artist.
- Apr 5** **NO MEETING DUE TO BETHESDA COVENANT EASTER EVENTS AT THE CHURCH**

Upcoming Workshops

- Feb 3** **Hand Applique by Machine. Beth Ferrier.** Learn how to imitate the look of fine hand appliqué with your sewing machine. Beth's technique will take you from novice to appliqué goddess in one class. Go to applewd.com and look under Beth's schedule for this date and click on the supply list or get one from Silvia.
- Mar 2** **Heavy Metal Play Day. Judy Coates-Perez.** Spend a day working with craft metal and discover a variety of ways you can add flash to your mixed-media projects. Learn embossing techniques working with an assortment of tools to add dimension and texture. Explore methods for joining metal to other media and adding color with alcohol inks and markers. Class kit-\$15. No other supplies needed.

30 Year Pins Available

Barb Lange presented a design for a 30-year pin at the July, 2010 meeting. The design includes the "Hands All Around" block and will commemorate our 30th anniversary in 2009/2010. These are available for \$5. See Anne Brown or Carla Ulrich.



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Meet Our September Speaker-Irena Bluhm, Antlers, OK

Irena was born in Poland and lived there 33 years. She left for Germany, and lived there for 10 years, then to Canada, where she met her husband. They moved to California and lived there for 10 years, and now lives in Antlers, OK. She's been a long-arm quilter since November, 2004. She self-publishes books on free-motion quilting and on coloring quilts.

Irena thinks she had the right background to get into long-arm quilting. She had been sewing clothes for a hobby and as a professional for 18 years. Her husband introduced her to painting and then she later took art classes. She tried pieced quilting, but found she didn't care for it. But she day-dreamed about creating quilts for show. Her husband bought her the long-arm. Irena looks to Linda Taylor as the long-arm quilter to emulate. After she created her very first quilt, she entered it in a show and won second place in the category and first place for best long-arm workmanship. The quilt top wasn't colored when it went to the first show, although the hummingbirds on it were colored. The quilt was displayed at 17 shows and won 17 awards.

Irena doesn't have a magic formula for winning awards. You can't take the judging personally. Your competitors can be better than yours in any particular competition.

Some tools and requirements to make award-winning quilts: Contrast, balance, harmony, rhythm and repetition that brings unity. Workmanship is not the first thing that gets awards—design is. Second is visual impact—usually from strong contrast. And then, third is workmanship. Practicing a technique brings more efficiency. Your attitude when you are quilting will make a difference—making a quilt for a bed or making it for a show changes your approach, design choices and working with care.

For her coloring technique, she started using color pencils, but found the color didn't last. It has to be "fixed" to make it permanent. Textile medium will do this—she uses it straight out of the bottle. The color can't be washed out after you use this. She uses regular nylon brushes to apply the textile medium and works a small area at a time. With colored pencils, the sharp point can control color down to a dot. She doesn't recommend using cheap fabric, even though she started out with nothing more than muslin. She uses two layers of batting: an 80/20 bleached and something fluffy on the top. She thinks it drapes nicely and causes "puffier" designs.

Irena says, "Don't give up, no matter what!" and she also says you have to show your quilts at guild because it will help motivate you and bring you closer to being addicted to the attention you will receive.

Due to an Easter Holiday conflict, there will be NO meeting in April.

October Meeting Notes

	Afternoon	Evening
Show & Tell	Beverly Petersen	Anne Biedowicz
Membership	78 members; 3 guests	51 members, 2 guests
Name Tags	Norma Culver-\$3.75; Sharon Stevens-Fat 1/4	Nicki Valdez-\$2.75; Luanne Hanna-Fat 1/4
Birthday Fat Chance	Carla Wright	Norma Copes
Fat Chance	Julie Stansfield	Laura Hunt

Margie Moe has been diagnosed with cancer. Pam Collings and Kathy Shelton are taking over the **afternoon Librarian** duties. Kits are available for the **Girl Scout Raffle Quilt**—see Colleen Magee. **Artist's Ensemble raffle quilt**, Moonglow, netted the organization \$3,045. Ronelle Carmichael from Rochelle won the quilt. Mary K. Fields won the **Directory Cover contest** and will receive free membership for a year. Helen Petersen was wished a **happy 85th Birthday!**

November Meeting Notes

	Afternoon	Evening
Show & Tell	None	None
Membership	46 members	34 members
Name Tags	Donna Langford-\$1.00; Bev Hailey-Fat 1/4	Cheryl Kabitzke-\$2.00; Luanne Hanna-Fat 1/4
Birthday Fat Chance	Pauline Cyborski	Kris Logan
Fat Chance	Kathy O'Brien	None

Thank you were received from Ronelle Carmichael who won the Artist's Ensemble raffle quilt, and from Margie Moe, who received a comfort quilt. **Quilt Show theme** will be "Global Connections". Quilt Show dates will be May 4/5, 2013. **Membership Directories** are available from the Membership table. **600 stockings** were made as of the count at 7:30pm.

Bad Weather Policy:

If School District 205 is cancelled due to snow, the Guild meeting will automatically be cancelled. Be sure to check the news for school closing notices the **MORNING** of the Guild meeting, if in doubt.



Christmas Party

Many thanks to all who signed up to be **table hostesses**. You will need to set the table with table cloth, napkins, dishes, flatware and centerpiece. Also, each hostess should bring a stapler for their table. I will be at the church at 12:00, so you can come any time after that to set up.



Everyone should bring a pair of scissors and the following:

Party food for afternoon will be (by first letter of last name):

A-L Desserts
M-Z Main Course

Party food for evening will be:

A-L Appetizers/Finger food
M-Z Desserts

Consider **donating a half-yard of fabric** for our Neonatal quilts. Fabrics should be baby pastel or baby brights or seasonal (Christmas, Valentine's, etc). Bring the fabric to the December meeting.

Any questions, call Silvia at (815) 871-5436. See you on December 1st!

Silvia

Secret Sister reveal and new signup. See Page 9.

Mystery Quilt signup. See Page 8.



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We need blocks in 10 1/2" size or 12 1/2" size.

Be sure to sign your name to the block. Thanks to all of you who have donated blocks and backing material.

Meeting Dates: 2011: December 5, 2012: January 9, February 6, March 5, April 9, May 7, June 11, July 9 from 1-3pm.



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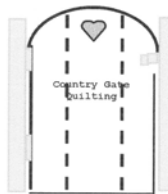
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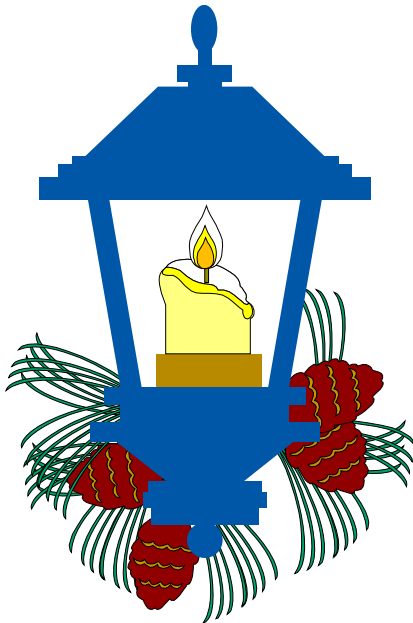
The 2012 calendars showing the mini quilts created by Karen, Robin, Pam, and Connie will be available at the September and October meetings. They are \$10.00 each with all profits going to the Guild.

Membership Changes

New Members:

Martti Dawson, Rockford, IL
Jane Erickson, Cherry Valley, IL
Elaine Hudson, Machesney Park, IL
Fredrika Panjkovich, Roscoe, IL
Mariene Rohl, Loves Park, IL
Sharon Satterlee, Rockford, IL

Personal information is available at the Membership table.



Special Projects and More (S.P.A.M.)

Other News

Pam Surmo will be heading the committee for making a raffle quilt for the **Children's Aid Society**. See Pam for block kits. Colleen Magee is looking for the **Girl Scouts** raffle quilt blocks to be returned.

Mystery Quilt and More! At our next SPAM Workshop, Saturday, January 22nd, 10am to 4pm at the Cherry Valley Library.

Sign up at the December quilt meeting for a mystery quilt adventure. The cost to participate is \$6 (due at sign-up), which covers the cost of the Debbie Caffrey pattern. You'll receive the first set of instructions at the December meeting.

The remainder of the mystery quilt instructions will be given during the Saturday SPAM workshops in the months of January, February and April.

You'll need about 2 to 2-1/2 yards of a focus fabric, which will eventually be the border and binding. From this focus fabric, pull three colors and choose the following fabrics: 1-1/4 yard light, 1-1/4 yard medium and 1-1/4 yard dark. (You could also make this a scrappy quilt and choose a variety of fabrics in each category).

Besides your basic quilting supplies, the mystery quilt requires a 6-1/2" Easy Angle Ruler.

The finished quilt, before adding borders, is 40" x 60".

SPAM workshop dates for Mystery Quilt classes: January 21, February 18, April 21.

Leadership of Special Projects is changing for 2012. Instead of one leader (or two) minding everything, there will be a committee. The committee members are now:

- Neonatal Sew-In (Amy Ottens has volunteered to chair—could use another helper, though)
- SPAM Workshops (Elizabeth Franck)
- President Blocks (Pam Collings)
- Hearts and Cancer Pillows (Sue Lacerra)
- Charity Quilts (Need YOU!)

The Board will be addressing how a chairperson will be selected to be the voting member on the Board at its next meeting. If you would like to comment on this, please call a Board member NOW!

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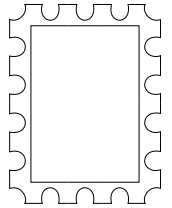
For the short-term Secret Sister, gifts are either 3 blocks per month or 3 fat quarters. The block should be the same size every month. This will be for January, February, March and April.

If at any time you cannot continue to participate during the period, please tell the membership person at the Attendance Table so that your Secret Sister can be matched to another member.

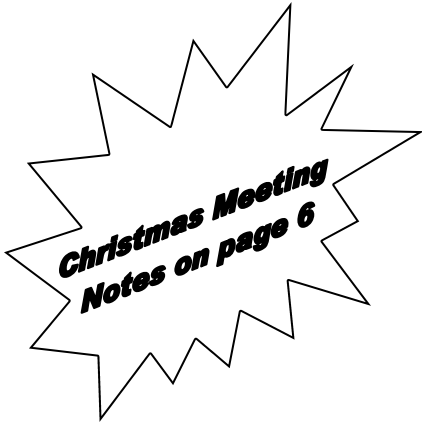
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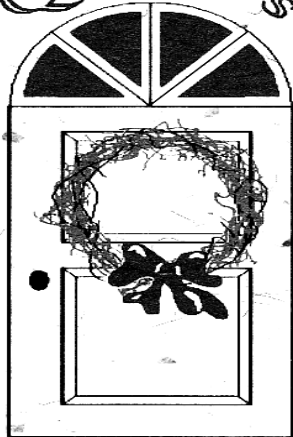
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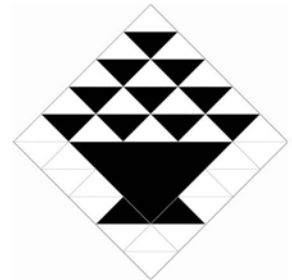
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