

# SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

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## The Patch Dispatch



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The Salt Creek Quilters Guild (a non-profit organization) meets the second Thursday of the month, September through May at the Hinsdale Community House, 8th and Madison, Hinsdale, IL. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, but doors open at 6:30 pm. Guests are always welcome. There is a guest fee of \$10.00 when the meeting features a speaker.

In 2021-22, we returned to in-person meetings, as long as it is safe. We will provide a parallel Zoom option as needed.

Articles, announcements, or photos for the Patch Dispatch should be submitted by the **23<sup>rd</sup> of each month** to



### President's Message

#### It Seems to Me...

Everyone is making their New Year's resolutions. Not me.

I make a sort-of bucket list of things I want to achieve in the coming year. I write them down

and put the list in a place where I will come across it every so often, but not every day. When I see it, I cross off things that I accomplished, and it feels good so that it propels me to keep going.

Sometimes I take things off the list because something else gets added with a higher priority or I decide that I don't want to do a particular task anymore. In all cases, I try to be kind to myself by focusing on things I am going to do rather than things I didn't do.

So here are some of my quilt-related items on my list for this year: finish one UFO, finish one bed-size quilt top, make one quilt to donate to the quilt auction, and donate items for a raffle basket for the quilt show.

Even if you don't try my short-term bucket list strategy this year, I invite you to add "make a quilt for the auction" and "donate items for a raffle basket" to your goals. Your donations will add to the success of our Celebration of Quilts, and you will feel a great sense of accomplishment when you cross the items off your list.

Stitch on!

— *Joan Chao, President*

## Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of December 31, 2022. Expect updates via email blasts.

January	
5	Board Meeting
6	Member showcase deadline - send photos to Barb Mellens
12	Thursday meeting - 6:30 pm - Loraine Torrance - <b>ZOOM only</b>
13-15	RETREAT
15	Deadline for Quilt Show Entries
15	Deadline for holiday recipes to Fran for guild cookbook
28	Bonus Open Studio 9-4
February	
3	Member showcase deadline - send photos to Barb Mellens
TBD	Zoom Gathering -Louise Graff trunk show - might be Feb 3 10am
9	Thursday meeting - 6:30 - Kathy McNeil - <b>ZOOM only</b>
11	Workshop 9-4 - Applique

## Future Fabric Sale

If one of your New Year's goals is to clean out and organize your fabric stash, keep our future fabric sale in mind! Save up pieces ¼ yard or larger to donate to our guild's Fabric Sale in the summer of 2023.

—Joan Chao

## Bonus Open Studio

Need a retreat to recover from the retreat? OR maybe you just need time to finish a project. On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> we will have an extra Open Studio. It will take place from 9-4 at Lyons Township Admin Building. At 10am, we will have a short demo of the Manx quilting technique. Learn about the Isle of Man, their unique cats and how to make a quilt without rulers.

—Joan Chao

## Programs & Workshops

**All workshops for the remainder of the year will be held on Saturday and will be all day.**

Workshops are a great way to not only learn new techniques, but also a great opportunity for quilting

fellowship!

It's easy to sign up by visiting the Salt Creek quilt guild website <https://www.saltcreekqg.org/programs>. The cost for a full day workshop for guild members is \$40 for a whole day. You can pay either by check or by using Paypal through the web site. You can also reach out to the program managers Theresa Rodgers or Linda Wolf ([scgprogramchairs@gmail.com](mailto:scgprogramchairs@gmail.com)) for questions or to sign up.

### January

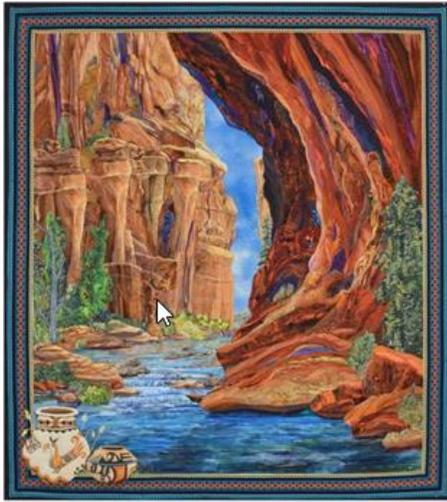
January 12, 2023 at 7:00pm. Our guild meeting will not be in person but will be on Zoom. Loraine Torrence <https://www.lorrainetorrence.com/> will provide a Zoom lecture on "Design Principles for Quilters". Loraine will discuss the design principles including value, line, space, balance, unity, etc. and how they apply to designing our quilts.

**RETREAT – Weekend of January 13-15. Our retreat this year will be in lieu of a workshop**

### February

Kathy McNeil <https://www.kathymcneilquilts.com> will be our guest lecturer and workshop leader in February. Perhaps you have seen some of this international award-winning quilter's work? More on her website. Hand appliqueing thousands of little scraps of fabric together, she creates quilts that look like paintings. These wall hangings are inherently and symbolically full of love and comfort.





February 9, 2023 at 7:00PM. In February, Kathy McNeil will provide a **Zoom** lecture with stories about some of her quilts. Her lecture is titled "Razzle Dazzle Your Quilts". Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Kathy McNeil will lead us in this **Zoom** applique workshop.

Let's make one of these beautiful Herons together.



Learn the EASY, new **Apliquick** method of turned edges. This method is sweeping the appliqué world. Small, complex pieces are easy to turn with these tools from Spain. We will use special Apliquick interfacing for

our template material. Edges will be swept over the interfacing and left in place, unlike freezer paper that has to be removed. You will love the extra loft and dimension this adds to each feather. *Students who are experienced at Raw edge applique (fused) may choose that method.* Your beautiful birds will be made as free objects, ready to place on the background scene or a focal block of your new quilt. No need to have your background ready before class. Kathy will demonstrate shading with her optional fabric paint crayons. Expect to get a good portion of your Heron body completed. Finished

quilt size: 22 x 29 for the full scene shown in the pattern.

Pattern and Apliquick tools are available on Kathy's website. <https://www.kathymcneilquilts.com>.

## **March**

Lecture: Catherine Redford

<https://catherineredford.com/>, will entertain us with quilts featuring the language of flowers. Learn the meanings our ancestors ascribed to different blooms and consider why the giving and receiving of quilts is so special to many of us.

Workshop Saturday, March 11, 2023 all day.

Catherine Redford leads "Hand Embroidery and Beading for Quilters", which is a class that will teach basic hand embroidery stitches, with and without the addition of beads, making fringes and tassels, and beaded edge treatments, all in one class.

## **April**

Lynn Schmitt

<https://www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com/>, local quilt shop owner and pattern designer, will provide lecture on "Using alternative fabrics in quilts".

Workshop, Saturday, April 15 all day. Lynn Schmitt will lead a workshop titled "Logistics", which will include using silk, wovens, and other fabrics to create a small pillow or wall hanging.

## **May**

We will end the year in May with a full day mystery quilt workshop with Bobbie Butler.

--Theresa Rodgers and Linda Wolf, Programs co-chairs

## **Hospitality**

Happy New Year to everyone!

We had a nice turn-out and an enjoyable time at our holiday zoom party. Thank-you to Anne, Joan, and Becky for a very interesting program, to Barb for our Member Showcase, and to the hospitality committee members for hosting the breakout rooms.

Please share your favorite holiday recipes with a little information about the story or tradition of the recipe. We discussed these in the breakout room social time at the party. Whether you attended the party or not, it would be great to have your recipe included in our collection to be sent out in January. Please send them to my email at [fcoby615@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fcoby615@sbcglobal.net). Don't feel that you need to type it up—just send me a photo of your well-loved recipe card if that is the form you have. I can do the rest!

Thanks,

— Fran Colby, Hospitality Chair

## Friday Gatherings and Open Studios

### First Friday Gatherings

The guild's Friday Zoom gatherings will continue on January 6 at 10:00 am with a trunk show presented by Julie Laney. Our discussion will be about our working styles, habits, and motivation as quilters. In February, Louise Graf will present a trunk show of her quilts. We hope you can join us at these gatherings to meet and get acquainted with other guild members.

### Open Studios

We will have an Open Studio on Saturday, January 28, beginning at 9:00 am at our classroom space in the Township of Lyons building in Countryside. It will be a free sewing time for you to concentrate on a new project or finish an old project. Support from fellow quilters will be readily available!

The Community Service Committee will host the February Open Studio on Saturday, February 11. [Sew Powerful Purses](#) Members will work under the leadership of guild member Lolly Gajda and guest Donna Moscinski, a great enthusiast of this project. Some supplies will be provided by the guild. Watch for upcoming announcements regarding this day.

The March Open Studio will be on Friday, March 10. We will have our annual School House Day where members present techniques or simple projects with in-person demonstrations and instructions. If you have a favorite technique, simple project, or a

favorite tool you'd like to tell us about, contact Linda Johnson ([lindaellenjohnson@att.net](mailto:lindaellenjohnson@att.net)) to get on the schedule.

--Linda Johnson

## Community Service

Hope everyone had a lovely holiday! In the coming weeks, Community Service has several activities planned.

During our guild retreat on January 13, 14, and 15th, I will be bringing supplies in order to make more items for Dr Becky's medical mission trip in February. I will have fabric on hand for making cloth bags for medicines and fabric, batting and/or flannel for eyeglass cases and flannel and batting for the heart Loveys for the babies in the neonatal nursery. If you have items that have been completed, bring them to the retreat and we will collect them for Dr Becky. If other arrangements are needed, please contact me and we can figure something out.

In February, our Community Service project will be focused on making purses for the Sew Powerful Purse Project. Sew Powerful's motto is "Sew a Purse, Change a Life." The organization's mission according to their website is "to combat extreme poverty in a very challenging place called Ngoombe Compound in Lusaka, Zambia". The Sew Powerful Purse Project links seamstresses from around the world. These global seamstresses fight against poverty by providing reusable feminine hygiene supplies and health training to girls in Zambia. With this help, the girls are able to attend school all month and thus improve and maintain their academic performance. By providing these young girls with a Sew Powerful Purse, we can provide them with a beautiful product package for their personal items.

The patterns and further information about the Sew Powerful Purse Project is available at their website:

<https://www.sewpowerful.org>

The website has a downloadable pattern for a beginner Cross Body Bag, fabric requirements and

fabric recommendations and also a sew-along training video.

On February 10th from 9-4 at our open sew, we will be making purses under the guidance of Donna Misconski from the Chicago Modern Quilt Guild. Donna has had lots of experience in making these purses.

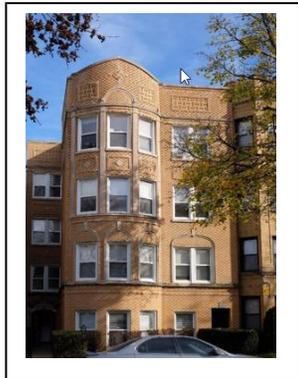
If you would like to join us for the purse making open sew for this very worthwhile project, please contact me - Lolly Gajda.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

— Lolly Gajda

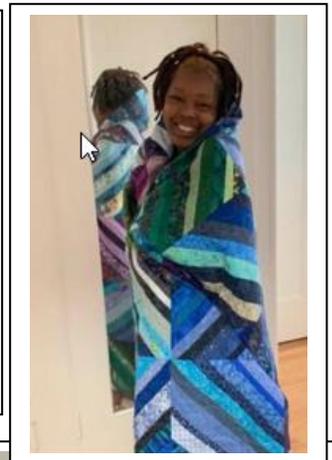
## Cecelia House Grand Opening Recap

DePaul USA's DAX Program assists homeless and housing insecure students. They held their grand opening of their newest residence, Cecilia



House, on November 8, 2022. Emily T. and John Chen are major benefactors and named Cecilia House in honor of Emily's late mother. Dignitaries from partnering institutions DePaul University and City Colleges of Chicago joined program coordinators and benefactors to congratulate everyone who made it happen.

The renovated building has 6 furnished apartments housing 3 students each with a single bedroom, a double bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and living room. There is an additional garden apartment for the House Manager and one other student. The DAX program provides services to students for learning and encourages building a sense of community within the residence. Students are required to be enrolled in a partner college or university, work a minimum of ten hours per week, pay rent

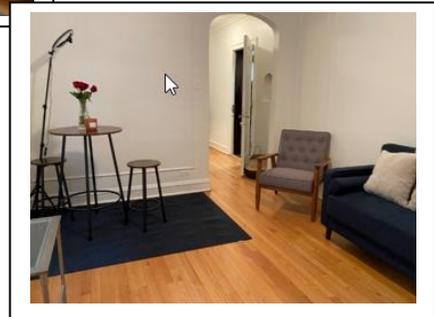
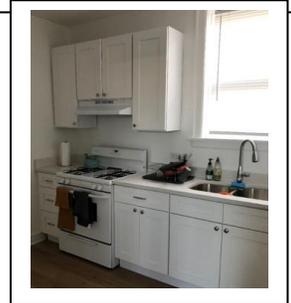


and adhere to DAX House guidelines.

Some of the 20 quilts that we donated to the students as part of our Community Service project were on display during the tour of the apartments. We



received many compliments on the beautiful quilts. They are much appreciated by the students.



## Newsletter / Distribution Tests

Thank you to everyone who answered the test emails and our follow up calls and emails.

The two changes we made for Guild mailings and tested were using new consolidated distribution lists and sending from the Salt Creek email address. This will save time and allow us to keep records of everything sent in the Guild's email system.

Summary results:

- 96% of the members with email successfully received either the test emails or successfully received subsequent emails sent with the changes in place. The remaining 4% were non-responses rather than failures.
- Some people had challenges with attachments in the test emails, but we were able to identify two issues and resolve the one that could be solved at the sender side.
  - Some members have systems that change a PDF to a win.dat file that they can't open. This can and will be fixed by a minor formatting change on the senders' side. If you see this again, it's a mistake, so please let us know so I can resend the document.
  - Some members have email that automatically opens small attachments. This is not an issue we can resolve centrally. If you ever have trouble seeing or opening an attachment in a real email, please let us know.

We plan to continue these changes for all future mailings.

If you ever don't receive a Guild email when you expect it or have trouble opening an attachment, please check your junk mail folder, then write to: [saltcreekquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:saltcreekquiltguild@gmail.com). The newsletter should be in your email by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Zoom links should be in your email at least 1 day before the meetings.

— Barbara O'Brien

## A Celebration of Quilts

The countdown to "Celebration of Quilts" has begun. Now is the time for each of us to enthusiastically begin the celebration. Together we can make this a success! This month I will share basic steps for each of you to follow.

- I. Enter Your Quilts
  - II. Sell Entry Tickets
  - III. Promote the Show
  - IV. Work the Show
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- I. Both the hard copy form and link to the online form are included in this issue. I will be accepting hard copy forms by mail or in person at the January retreat. These quilts will be on display in the pews of the church and will not require a sleeve. Thank you to the members who have already submitted entries. Try to submit two or more entries.
  - II. Sandy Byrnes is organizing the entry ticket envelopes and we will be getting them to you mid to late January. Each of you will be asked to sell ten tickets. Perhaps you prefer to purchase all ten and give them as gifts. If you live in a senior community contact your activity coordinator and see if a group trip could be arranged. Do your children or grandchildren need a service project? Ask them to help sell tickets. Think outside the box!
  - III. Distribute posters and bookmarks to local quilt shops and businesses. Talk up the event with your non-quilting friends. Remember, visitors will support the show by purchasing raffle basket tickets, visiting vendors, buying baked goods and attending the auction. Marilyn Montgomery is handling publicity so be sure to read her article in this issue.
  - IV. Members will need to help set up the show and work during the show. Set-up will begin at 9am on the 21st and be completed by noon if not before. During the show we will need

hostesses to keep an eye on the quilts, helpers with admissions, raffle baskets and the bake sale. The hostess and admission jobs are sitting positions. There will be a sign-up board at the February meeting. If there is a specific time you wish to help just let me know. Please volunteer a minimum of two hours during the show. Sandy will also need volunteers for the auction.

I know that it sounds like I am asking a lot of you but believe me once we are in the frenzy of set-up you will remember how much fun this is. This event helps us become a closer-knit quilting community.

## Entry Forms

This is the link to the online quilt entry form:  
<https://forms.gle/stUvC1VC3Kd15dWR6>

It is set up so members can fill it out more than once for multiple quilt entries.

A printable version of the entry form is at the end of this newsletter.

## Special Exhibits

There will be two special exhibits at the show separate from the general entry portion. Louise Graff will be coordinating a display of the Carole King Challenge quilts and Kathy Elwood will be coordinating a display of our Red and White Anniversary quilts. If you participated in either or both of these challenges Louise and Kathy will be reaching out to you.

## Vendors

Leslie Prast has been busy contacting prospective vendors for the show. She has several businesses on board but there are a few spots left, so please contact her if you have any suggestions. Also don't forget that as a member you could purchase a table to sell boutique items.

— Linda Kennedy, Celebration Chair

## Publicity

The Quilt Celebration is rapidly approaching and we need to tell everyone we know about it. Part of publicity is word of mouth and everyone can help with that! I am convinced that people miss our show and are looking forward to the next one. We will be publishing our posters for the Quilt Celebration this month and handing them out at our February meeting. Please consider taking some posters and posting them in your local area. Also, social media will be a big part of advertising and we need to hear your suggestions about local places to post. Next Door, the Patch and Facebook are ones that I am familiar with, but I know there are more. Please forward your thoughts to me.

I can feel the excitement building!

— Marilyn Montgomery

## Quilt Auction



One of the components of a successful auction is to have great items to auction off. This is where you get to show everyone your ability, talents, and generosity.

Needed items range from placemats to wall hangings, from baby quilts to throws, or bed quilts (twin, full, queen, king), tote bags, and/or whatever you want to create. This is the time to pull out the pattern you have been wanting to make, or to go through items that have been made, but have never found a home.

Be creative - think of college school color quilts (blue/orange or white/purple, etc.) or maybe a special hobby. We all sew but what about a quilt featuring fish or a TV show. Maybe your specialty is baby quilts or holiday wall hangings.

I am hoping for at least 60 items, and more is always nicer. If there is something you are thinking of, but not sure of, please advise. Perhaps it can be partnered with another item and sold as a lot.

The Quilt Auction Donation Form is in this issue. We will also have the items shown on the website so a picture is needed. Completed forms and pictures are to be emailed to me.

([sewsandym@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sewsandym@sbcglobal.net)) I can also collect the form at the retreat or at a future meeting. If you need help with taking a picture, I am here.

Thank you in advance for making this auction a success.

—Sandy Migitz

## Meeting Minutes

### Salt Creek Quilt Guild meeting December, 2022 held on Zoom

- Minutes from the November meeting were approved
- Guild went into breakout rooms for discussion of family holiday traditions of food. Members are encouraged to send their family recipes to Fran Colby for assembly into a guild holiday recipe digital document
- The treasurer report was presented by Carol Allegretti and approved

### Reports from Committees

- Barbara O'Brien has been working on issues with email distribution list of the **Newsletter** to ensure that every member receives mailings in a format they are able to open and read. Barbara has put in many hours on this project and her work is greatly appreciated by the board.
- **Hospitality Committee** reminded members to send their holiday recipes to Fran Colby
- The **Calendar Committee** announced that they have 14 calendars left. Members may contact

Fran Colby if they still desire to purchase calendars.

- Linda Wolf reported on upcoming **programs and workshops**.
  - At the January Zoom monthly meeting the guild will welcome Lorraine Torrence for a lecture on design principles for quilters. There is no workshop in January because of the annual retreat.
  - In February Kathy McNeil is scheduled for a lecture and a Zoom workshop on her method for using Appliquick tools for appliqué.

The **Community Service Committee** is hosting a work day for the February Open Studio on Friday, February 10. We will be led by Donna Moscinski. of the Sew Powerful Purses project <http://www.sewpowerful.org> Members can contact Lolly Gajda for more information.

The **Retreat Committee** reported that we will have an almost full house for the annual guild retreat held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL on January 13 – 15.

**Celebration of Quilts Committee** announced that plans are moving along in planning for this event. All members are encouraged to participate by selling tickets, entering their quilts, creating raffle baskets, etc. Quilt entry forms will be published in the January newsletter along with a link to fill out an entry form online.

### Announcements

Fran Colby has put up displays at the Indian Prairie Library about the guild. These displays are a means through which we reach out into the community to be better known about and to attract new members.

Joan Chao and Lolly Gajda gave a recap of the DAX quilt project.

The business meeting was adjourned, and we continued with our holiday party.

— Linda Johnson



## QUILT DONATION FORM

A Celebration of Quilts Auction

**Entry Deadline - April 10, 2023**

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Item being donated (circle one): Quilt      Other

Name of Quilt \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ wide by \_\_\_\_\_ long

Description of Other \_\_\_\_\_

Special techniques used (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Disclaimer: I hereby release and forever discharge the Salt Creek Quilters Guild and/or its members from any liability due to loss or damage of quilts during the Quilt Show Auction

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUILT ENTRY FORM**  
A Celebration of Quilts  
Entry Deadline - January 15, 2023

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Quilt \_\_\_\_\_

Width (left to right) \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Length (top to bottom) \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Priority of this quilt if you have more than one entry \_\_\_\_\_

**All quilts must have an attached label and sleeve.**

**Disclaimer:** I hereby release and forever discharge the Salt Creek Quilters Guild and/or its members from any liability due to loss or damage of quilts during the Quilt Show.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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This section will be filled out by the Layout Committee

**Layout Information**

Row Number \_\_\_\_\_

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