

SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

March 2021

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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 2020-21, meetings will take place through Zoom for until we are able to safely return to in-person meetings.

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



Letter from the President

I heard a rumor that Spring is almost upon us. I'll take anything that doesn't resemble the February cold snap and huge snow dumps!

As always, there is a lot going on with the Guild. When you read this, we will be in our final weeks of the fabric donation contest. So far, it has been great. A big thank you to all who have participated thus far. See more information on the following pages.

We have put together a Publicity Committee to help get our name out to people. We have been contacting libraries about doing displays and perhaps offering a free intro to quilting class via Zoom. We are getting many positive responses from the libraries. You may be called to help with a display. I will bring you up to date about this at the meeting.

We would like to extend an invitation to our March meeting to our furry friends who give us unconditional love and never have a snarky answer. During the 6:30-7 pm part of the meeting, please bring your pet where you will be able to introduce him/her to other pets in a safe setting.

The Art Institute has a very cool quilt exhibit that runs through September (Bisa Butler: Portraits). I have attached the link published in the Chicago Tribune. You will need to copy/ paste it to your browser.
http://digitaledition.chicagotribune.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=e7858df5-c0c6-4aa3-9aad-daad70f840fc

Stay safe.

— Marilyn Montgomery

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of March 1, 2021. Expect updates via email blasts and through Marilyn's bulletins.

March

- 4 – Deadline for Show & Tell pictures (send to Kennette at bledkm@gmail.com)
 - Remember to send pictures of your Challenge quilts of the past!
- 4 – Zoom gathering – 9:30 am
 - Martha Barry trunk show
 - Topic: where do you find inspiration for your next quilt?
- 11 – Thursday guild meeting – 6:30pm
 - Lori Dickman lecture
- 12 – Sunny Dresdens workshop
- 14 – Fabric weight contest deadline
- 26 – Deadline to order kits for April workshop

April

- 1 – Deadline for show & tell pictures
- 2 – Zoom gathering
- 8 – Thursday guild meeting – 6:30pm
 - Anne Zick lecture
- 10 – Lucy Boston Patchwork of the Crosses workshop

Membership

We would like to let everyone know that we will do a membership directory update in April. If you have any changes to directory information, please let us know. Also, if you would like a new photo, or if you are not pictured in the directory, please send us a photo. If you take it with your cell phone and attach it to an email to us, we should be able to insert it in the directory.

In the meantime, there are a couple of changes to email addresses:

- Debbie Wesenberg wesenberg.d@gmail.com
- Caroline Magsaysay caroline39@icloud.com

After each Guild meeting, we record attendance using a list that is generated through Zoom. Please make sure that your Zoom screen shows your first and last name, as that is what comes up on the

attendance list. We like to have an accurate account of who attends the meetings.

Hope to see you at the March meeting!

— Kathy Elwood kathyelwood@sbcglobal.net

— Fran Colby fcoby615@sbcglobal.net

Membership Chairs

Programs/Workshops



Our speaker this month is Lori Dickman from Rockford, IL. Lori Dickman has been sewing for over 45 years and quilting for over 30 years. After spending 15 years concentrating in the art of garment sewing, she began her quilting journey in 1988 when she created her first quilt. Living in the Chicago area has allowed her the privilege of attending

workshops and classes taught by nationally-known sewing and quilting instructors at the many Expo's in Illinois and Wisconsin, as well as through the American Sewing Guild. The art of "Making" has been a wonderful journey for her! Quilting truly has been a great way for Lori to allow her creative juices to flow in order to express herself in fabric and color, and it allows her to show her love for others when she presents a *gift of love* in a quilt that she has created!

Lori's quilts and garments have won numerous awards at: The Harvest of Quilts Shows in DeKalb IL; the Illinois State Fair in Springfield; Simplicity/American Sewing Guild competitions, and her Pendleton wool suit took 1st place at the "Make it with Wool" Illinois State Competition in 2015. Most recently, her quilt, "O'wl Sit Under the Light of the Oak Leaf Moon" was a finalist in the yearly National Quilt Museum contest, "New Quilt from an Old Favorite." Lori's quilt hung in that Exhibit at the National Quilt Museum from April through June of 2019. It traveled with the Exhibit around the country through December of 2020.

Lori is a member of the American Quilters Society, American Sewing Guild/Chicago Chapter, the DeKalb County Quilters Guild of Sycamore, Illinois, and the Sinnissippi Quilt Guild of Rockford, Illinois.

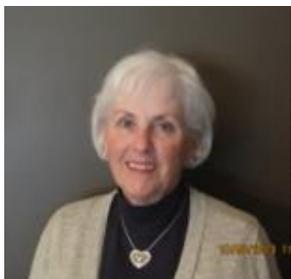
Lori's desire is for others to learn to love the art of quilt-making as much as she does! Join in on the passion and fun of creating!

On Friday, March 12, Lori will teach "Sunny Dresden's". It's a lovely wall hanging using machine appliqué for the Dresden squares.



Members interested in this class will need to purchase the pattern and template at a discounted price of \$9 plus tax directly from Lori's website, QuiltingwithLori.com. Use the discount code SUNNYTEMP.

April



Anne Zick will present Lucy Boston, Patchwork of the Crosses, workshop on April 10. The supply list and sign-up information is on the Salt Creek Website.

To make life very easy, Anne suggests 2 places where you can get a Basic Kit for around \$40. The Basic Kit includes: 2 Lucy Boston Quilt Blocks, 1" acrylic honeycomb template, a pack (100) pieces 1" honeycombs, and a Sewline fabric glue stick. The Basic Kit can be ordered in one of 2 places:

The Quilt Merchant
27W209 Geneva Road
Winfield, IL 60190
(630) 480-3000
Valerie

Pieceful Gathering Quilt Shop
106 Northwest Highway (Rt. 14)
Fox River Grove, IL 60021
(847) 516-7911
Carrie

You can call them and they will send the kit to you or you can visit their shop to get your Basic Kit. Please don't worry about the colors in the already made-up kits. All of the patchworks look fabulous on a cream-colored or another neutral background. Again, this is the easiest way to go. If you want to finish the quilt in the Athena method, one of the ways Anne will show how to finish the quilt, order the pattern from the Quilt Merchant – the cost is \$9.00.

Kits should be ordered by March 26 so that they arrive in time for the workshop. Please review the supply list information on the Salt Creek website as

Anne also has given additional information on the fabric background requirements.



May

In May, our speaker will be Greg Barner from Fife Lake, Michigan. More information on the May classes will be coming soon!

—Lois Flood and Anne Michalik, Programs

Library

I bought the pattern needed for Lori Dickman's workshop/class in February. She also donated a copy. One can be borrowed from the library if you decide to take the Sunny Dresden's class and it is too late to buy the pattern.

—Ann Olson, Library

Salt Creek Quilters Guild 40th Anniversary Celebration

We are thrilled that several of you have already started a red and white quilt to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the guild, our ruby year. Remember these quilts should measure between 20 and 40 inches per side and should be completed by August so that we can plan a showing at our anniversary event in September. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us. What happened in March 1981 you may ask. Here are a few notable things:

- Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time on CBS News.
- A first-class stamp cost 18 cents.
- Ronald Reagan was shot.

- Jane Byrne moved in to Cabrini Green.
- "9 to 5" by Dolly Parton was the number one song.

Also note the photo of the cover of the March 1981 issue of Quilters Newsletter Magazine and the one of Barbie looking very stylish in jeans.

—Linda Kennedy and Leslie Prast, Anniversary Chairs



Fabric Donation Contest

Wow! We are in the final weeks of the contest and are over 400 lbs. of really beautiful fabric. Keep cleaning out your closets since it all adds up. This will be used for a fabric sale this summer. People have donated kits, notions, books and more. Thank you so much. The contest ends March 14. That being said, I have bridal Zoom showers on March 13 and 14th afternoon for my future daughter-in-law. Please make arrangements with me about drop off.

Please allow time to announce the winners. I will be putting together a group of people who don't know the amounts of individual donations to determine the final prize structure. We are beyond a \$25 first place prize and I am hoping for many participation awards. I've enclosed a picture of what 400 lbs. of fabric looks like.

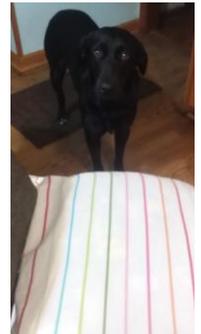
As you can see, there is still room in the basement for more! The picture includes fabric donations prior to the contest. We will also be asking for ideas on how to structure the sale. **Got garage sale experience?**

— Marilyn Montgomery

Community Service

Ann Olson donated a dog bed to the West Suburban Humane Society.

Here's a way for anyone to contribute: "I bought a pillowcase at Goodwill - filled it - thanks to Becky Preston for fabric scraps - and dropped it off at W Suburban Humane Society."



Newsletter

I'm in the process of reviewing other quilt guild newsletters to get ideas for our Patch Dispatch – and getting some interesting ideas. We are also looking at the possibility of advertising in the Patch Dispatch. Please send any comments and suggestions if you want to contribute to this newsletter review process.

We're starting a feature this month where Bees can volunteer to highlight what they're doing, starting with some of the newly created bees. This month's bee looks like they're having fun!

Long-established bees are also welcome to the spotlight, just contact me to schedule. We can expand to more than one page if necessary.

The last page of this newsletter issue is a list of Zoom lectures that Illinois Quilters is offering to other guilds at a minimal guest price. Some of the lectures they're offering look very interesting!

— Barbara O'Brien

Minutes of February meeting

Salt Creek Quilt Guild Meeting February 11, 2021

The Salt Creek Quilt Guild meeting was held via Zoom on February 11, 2021. Members could enter Zoom meeting at 6:30pm to mingle. At 7:00pm Marilyn Montgomery, president, began the meeting. We had 55 attending members. A motion was made by Sharon Bell to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as written in The Patch Dispatch. Motion was accepted by Kathy Elwood.

Meeting was handed over to Anne Michalik to introduce our School House presenters. First presenter was Carol Allegretti. Carol showed us how to fold our fabric so it could be standardized. Fabric is then compactly stored and easy to see. Carol paraphrased a quote by Mary Ellen Hopkins that implored one to use their fabrics. Once you die, they will either throw it all out or use it to make clown costumes.

Our second presenter was Kennette Bledsoe. Kennette had a power point presentation on making Busy Books also known as Quiet Books. The first Busy Book Kennette made was from Vogue pattern #1959, but she showed us how to research and make one using the internet.

Our next presenter of the evening was Mary Calzada. Mary is the Inspector Gadget of the quilting world. Mary showed us a variety of her favorite tools and their uses. Mary got the most response to her seam rippers and a mat that goes on your machine by Lori Holt called Seams Sew Easy Seam Guide.

Our fourth presenter of the night was Becky Huebler. Becky showed us how to make a fake phalange. It looks really nice and helps when longarming your quilt. She made a two page handout on her technique that Marilyn will distribute.

The final presenter of the night was Sharon Bell. Sharon showed us Dollar Store Hacks. It looked like you could find an item down every aisle of the Dollar Store and use it indispensably during your quilting day.

At 8:44pm, Door Prize #1 was won by Anne Michalik.

Marilyn began the business section of the meeting at 8:45pm. Marilyn started with a slide show showing pictures of the DePaul students with their charity quilts and one student with his thank you note to the guild. Ann Olson has made 4 dog quilts and 5 cat quilts. She is donating to the West Suburban Humane Society. At this time we have 22 quilts and 24 pillowcases to distribute.

The Board positions that are open and up for nominations this year are Secretary, Treasurer and Contracts 2022-2023. We have a Nominating Committee which consists of Lois Dick, Carol Douglas and Linda Johnson.

Publicity. Nancy Ranieri gave a demonstration on Instagram, which is a picture based social media

platform. An Instagram page has been opened for The Salt Creek Quilt Guild. Please send pictures to Nancy for publication. We have a base list of contacts but would like if membership can send in information on their local papers and publicity venues. We are also in need of members willing to chair and coordinate Publicity.

Fundraising. We have a lot of ideas for fundraising. They include an Opportunity Quilt, signing up for a Christmas Bazaar and Farmers Market, selling notecards, having an auction and a quilt sale. We had to cancel our quilt show, which is our biggest fundraiser. Due to current circumstances, we do not yet know when we can begin to implement any of these ideas.

We have collected almost 120 lbs in our Fabric Contest. There will be Participation Drawings on February 15th and February 28th. Make sure to get your donations in.

Workshops. February 12th will be our Late Nighter. The Late Nighter will be held via Zoom from 3pm to 9pm. Barbara O'Brien will send out the link for the Late Nighter.

Lori Dickman will be our March speaker and her workshop on March 12th will be Sunny Dresdens. Our member Anne Zick will be our April speaker. Her April 10th workshop will be English Paperpiecing focusing on the Patchwork of the Crosses.

May brings us Greg Barner. Workshop is still being finalized.

Membership had no report.

Treasurer. Janet Woratschek reported that we have \$24,230 in the bank. All checks have been issued for the refund of admission tickets. These were only sent to members that requested a refund. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Martha Barry and seconded by Carol Douglas.

Linda Kennedy informed us that the Carol King Challenge Quilts that traveled to California are on the way back and should make it to quilters by Monday. Her contact, Emily Gold, will let her know when production of You Tube presentation is ready for viewing.

At 9:18pm Martha Barry won Door Prize #2.

Kennette led us through another fantastic Show and Tell. She has asked that for March's Show and Tell we send in past Challenge quilts. This is in addition to any other Show and Tell that we have.

We had quite a few spins of the wheel to get our final Door Prize of the evening. Door Prize #3 was won by Lynn Vock.

Lynn Vock made a motion to adjourn at 9:35pm. Motion was seconded by Barbara O'Brien.

— submitted by Mary Querforth, secretary



The Block Un-Exchange Bee a.k.a. the Row Quilters has been meeting once a month on Zoom and enjoying getting to know each other and seeing what others are doing. We have 5 members, which seems like a good number. We decided to make a row quilt using blocks from the book, *Row by Row*, by Terry Martin. We are making one row a month, and this month we will be making a row of houses. One of our members is doing seasonal rows with a different block for each month or season. It will be interesting to see how different the finished quilts look.

—*Jana McIlroy*



Janice Beeman's row blocks



Marilyn Montgomery's row blocks



Jana McIlroy's row blocks

ZOOMING WITH IQI

ALL NEW 2021 PROGRAMS - ALL LECTURES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM



March 4th, 2021 – **Jaimie Davis**

Lecture: "History & Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts"

The history of Baltimore Album quilts is a fascinating journey of America headed for the Civil War. Through stories, Jaimie will explore how the demise of Baltimore Album quilt leads us into the hearts and minds of the women who made them. It's a funny, provocative and insightful look into some of America's most beautiful treasures.

[Learn more about Jaimie at: www.loopytulips.com](http://www.loopytulips.com)



April 8th, 2021 – **Brenda Gael Smith**

Lecture: "Quilts & Composition" + Studio Tour

Unlocking the design code for all kinds of quilts and learning to make things better!
Brenda examines the elements and principles of design in action and highlights recurring types of quilt composition. Understanding composition provides a vocabulary for describing and evaluating quilt design and provides a foundation for developing your creative practice, whatever style of quilts you make.

[Learn more about Brenda at: www.serendipitypatchwork.com](http://www.serendipitypatchwork.com) **From Copacabana Australia**



May 6th, 2021 – **Patricia Belyea**

Lecture: "Alluring World of Japanese Yakata Quilts"

Patricia will take us on an insider tour of the 2020 Tokyo Quilt Festival, showing us highlights of this international quilt event, then continues onto a traditional chusen-dyeing workshop to explain this traditional hand-dyeing process. Patricia finishes with a show of her own quilts, made with vintage Japanese cottons, and talks about how these special fabrics inspired her.

[Learn more about Patricia at: www.nkanarts.com](http://www.nkanarts.com)



June 3rd, 2021 – **Suzi Parron**

Lecture: "Following the Barn Quilt Trail"

Suzi's talk will take you on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt. The presentation features over one hundred photographs of barn quilts, some rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. Suzi tells stories of individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.

[Learn more about Suzi at: www.barnquiltinfo.com](http://www.barnquiltinfo.com)



July 8th, 2021 – **Rose Parr**

Lecture: "Sew Smart – The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting"

"Quilting should not be a pain in the neck!" Rose shares her expertise on how to sew smarter, healthier, and happier. This presentation will make sure you have the right posture, techniques, and stretches when putting in those dedicated hours on your next project.

[Learn more about Rose at: www.healthyquilting.com](http://www.healthyquilting.com)

New Members and Guests are WELCOME for a fee. Please visit our website for more information.

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