

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.

As of 2023, most meetings are in-person with a parallel Zoom option as needed.

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

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— Barbara O'Brien
Patch Dispatch editor



President's Message

"Be prepared to dedicate yourself to it (quilting). No one is going to start off being a terrific quilter -

you have to practice." - [Marilyn Badger](#)

If you click on the link above for Marilyn Badger, you will see the works of a Master quilter. Perhaps you saw her exhibit at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah last spring. Her quilts there proved that she had indeed put in many hours of practice, probably on quilts that weren't in the exhibit, because practice is where we make our mistakes, rip out, redo, and learn for the next quilt and time.

Some experienced quilters are able to dig through their shelves or drawers and pull out the first quilt they ever made. Some gave that quilt away long ago. In the Member Showcase at the March meeting, a member showed us her first quilt which had recently been finished. It was wonderful and was started in the Mystery class in Spring of 2023. With that quilt and quilter, the guild is fulfilling its purpose of teaching and encouraging new quilters as well as those who have made many quilts.

The workshops offered by the guild provide opportunity to practice skills and learn new ones too. In this guild year we have practiced paper piecing, free hand cutting, sewing curves and inserting circles. Opportunities are coming to practice wax-resist dyeing, working improvisationally, and using ruler templates to guide machine quilting.

Membership renewal, lecture and workshop information, election of new officers, and coming quilt shows are some of the



topics included in this month's newsletter. Be sure to check the guild monthly calendars in this issue for everything that is happening in April and May. Money raising events are important for guild finances, as well as being ways for members to become better acquainted so volunteer if you can.

— Linda Johnson, President

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of March 26, 2024. Expect updates via email blasts.

April	
5-6	Rescheduled January workshops - Wax Resist Dying 9-1 at TLD
11	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Sustainable quilting
12	Fabric Sale Preparation, NO Open Studio today
13	Saturday workshop - All are welcome here (at Lyons Twp)
16	Senior Fair at Community House
18	Set up Fabric Sale (volunteers in afternoon)
19	Fabric Sale 9-1
20	Fabric Sale 9-1; half-price sale 3-5
May	
9	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30pm - Ruler Work Machine Quilting and Second Helping of 'In the Kitchen' Challenge
10	Friday Open Studio and Salt Creek U (Schoolhouse)
11	Ruler Work Workshop (at Lyons Twp)
18	Intro to Quilting at Hinsdale Library

Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside

News & Announcements

Upcoming Quilt Shows to Know About:

April 6 and 7, 10 am - 4 pm
All Around the House
Fischer Farm - 16W680 Old Grand Ave.
Bensenville, IL

April 20, 11 am-5 pm and April 21, 11 am - 4 pm
Chicago Lakeside Quilt Guild
Ray Elementary School - Kimball and 57th Street
Chicago, IL (Hyde Park neighborhood).

Saturday April 27, 2024 10-5
Quilt Connection Quilt Show
Mayfair Presbyterian Church
4358 W. Ainslie (Ainslie & Kostner – 1 block N of
Lawrence) in Chicago, IL

May 4-5 near Rockford, IL
Sinnissippi Quilters
Indoor Sports Center - 8800 Riverside Blvd
Loves Park, IL

2nd Helping of "In the Kitchen Challenge" in May

By popular demand, we will have a second showing of the quilts from our In the Kitchen Challenge that were first shown at our September meeting. So, if you made a quilt for that challenge, please bring it to the May meeting. If you will not be at the May meeting, please make arrangements to have someone else bring your challenge quilt to the meeting.

To emphasize quilters 'in the kitchen', we are asking for a few volunteers to make a recipe from a quilt book for the treats table. You can make a recipe from a quilt book you have or look through one of the books at the Programs table at the April meeting. Sign up at the Program table. The two books are: Quilts of Iceland by Gudrun Erla and Quilt Recipes by Jen Kingwell. By the way, if you have a finished quilt from either of these books, please bring it to the May Member Showcase.

Salt Creek U (fka Schoolhouse) at May Open Studio

We're planning a Schoolhouse at our May Open Studio on May 10. This popular event is where our own members volunteer to teach a technique or demo a project to other members in a 20 minute session. We will have 4 or 5 presentations staggered throughout the day. Members can attend presentations that interest them between working on their own projects at Open Studio.

We are looking for volunteers to teach a segment. If you would like to share your knowledge with us, please contact Joan Chao with a short description of your topic.

Try Before You Buy – May Rulerwork Workshop

Our May workshop is on Machine Quilting Ruler Work. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. The class requires a rulerwork foot for your machine. We have two Bernina #72 presser feet that you can borrow for the class. You need to

check if it works with your specific Bernina sewing machine model. Contact Joan Chao or Carol Allegretti to arrange to borrow one.

--Joan Chao

Hospitality

Thank-you to everyone who brought treats for the March meeting. For April, please bring treats if your last name begins with S through U, or if you have missed bringing to a meeting earlier this year. If it is your turn in April and you cannot attend the meeting, you still have a chance to bring a treat to the May meeting. Thank-you to everyone who has helped give us abundant treat tables at our meetings!

Also at the April meeting, we will host Heritage Quilt Guild with their opportunity quilt. Please stop by their table to welcome them and buy a raffle ticket!

See you at the April meeting!

-- Fran Colby, Hospitality

Membership

The end of the guild year is coming up fast, so we're ready to start membership renewal for next year! There are lots of great programs scheduled for next year that you won't want to miss!

The membership form is attached to the newsletter and I'll have hard copy forms at the next meeting! See Carol's article following for payment information! See you at the Membership table in April or May!

--DeAnn Ellis

Payment for membership dues:

Personal check or cash is the preferred method of payment. I will bring the Square Reader to the meeting to accept your credit card payment of membership dues. The guild is charged a minimal amount for this convenience. And finally, there's PayPal on our website for payment of membership

dues. PayPal charges the highest fees for this convenience.

We hope to see you again next year. Please rejoin our Guild. Thank you for your consideration.

--Carol Allegretti, Treasurer

Fabric Sale Update

The fabric donation contest is complete, and we will announce the winners in April.

I sent out a survey on March 15th, asking for volunteers, tables, sheets and more. If you haven't already filled it out, please do so as soon as you can. I'll be sending a reminder this week. I will also be following up before the sale to ensure that we have people working throughout the sale days.

The work isn't hard and schedules can be flexible. Before the sale, we will need people to help sort fabric and arrange it in boxes. The afternoon before the sale, we will set up tables, hang sheets for a backdrop and put the boxes in place. During the sale itself, we need people to weigh fabric, take cash and make change, answer questions and straighten fabric occasionally if it gets too messy.

Here are the key dates:

- April 12 afternoon - arrange fabric in boxes
- April 18 afternoon - set up the sale at Marilyn's
- April 19 9-1 sale
- April 20 9-1 sale, (1-3 sale closed to reorganize), then 3-5 half price sale

This was great fun last time and is a good way for the guild to make money. You might also find just the right fabrics for your next project - there are some amazing things in the small group of fabric I've seen so far.

If you have more fabric you want to donate, please do so by April 12th if you can, so we can organize it with a group of volunteers.

Our publicity is getting the word out; we've had several inquiries so far from people who want to donate fabric. Please spread the word about the sale to your other quilting friends.

-- Barbara O'Brien and Marilyn Montgomery

Programs & Workshops

Workshops are a great way to learn a new technique, improve your skills, and foster friendships with other guild members. Workshop fees remain unchanged at a very reasonable price of \$40. Sign up early and often!

Discount Reminder: When annual dues were increased for the 2023-2024 year, the Board also implemented a one-time \$10 discount off the fee for one workshop during this guild year only. If you would like to use your one-time \$10 discount on a workshop this year, please pay with Zelle or a check and write a note saying that you are using your discount. Contact Joan Chao with questions.

APRIL

April 11, 2024 Thursday
Bridget O'Flaherty (Canada)
<https://bridgetoflaherty.com>
Lecture 7:00 pm via zoom



How to Make our Passion for Quilting More Sustainable

What does sustainability mean and how is it being addressed in the quilting industry? Join Bridget O'Flaherty for an in-depth look at the complicated story of sustainability in quilting. Get to know how people, profit, and the planet are all needed as the solution, and how you can easily bring sustainability into your practice to be part of the change.

We will meet in-person at the Community House and enjoy Bridget O'Flaherty's lecture via ZOOM as a group.

Friday, April 12 – No Open Studio

April 13, 2024 Saturday
Christina Cameli www.christinacameli.com

Workshop 9:00am to 12:00 pm via zoom
"All Are Welcome Here"

Using up leftover blocks and scraps is frugal and creative - no two pieces are the same! Working with what you have, learn tricks for layout success.



MAY

May 9, 2024 Thursday
Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wesenberg
Lecture 7:00 pm

"Rulerwork for the Home Machine – How It Works – Is It for Me?"

Quilting with rulers is the latest trend in free motion quilting. Learn about this new technique that will "up your quilting game".



May 11, 2024 Saturday
Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wesenberg
Workshop 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

"A Day with Rulers – From Practice to Perfect"

Quilting with rulers is the latest in free motion quilting skills that everyone wants to try, and most think it is too difficult. DK Studios has created a line of rulers and templates to allow you to create stunning designs and teaches you how to use them. Using the correct tools and techniques, allows quilting with rulers to be fun and creative. Join us for a hands-on class with an instructor who has been free motion quilting for years and loves ruler work. We will have stitched samples of all the rulers & templates for you to review. We will have marking templates, marking utensils and lots of templates for you to try out. We will also have an instructional handout for you to take home.

Students will need a ruler foot for the class. Debbie Wesenberg has a list of what foot is needed for specific machines.

--Joan Chao, Programs chair

Library

Thanks to De Ann Ellis for printing the new quilt guild library spreadsheet of books. Over 100 books were removed from the collection so this is an updated version. I will have the printed copy at the meeting and Carol Douglas put on the web site and it will be put on Facebook also. Thanks everyone. If you want to borrow a book, let me know. I will have the library available at the meeting or can meet you at Community house sometime.

— Ann Olson

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024 Salt Creek Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

President Linda Johnson welcomed us to the March Guild Meeting at 7p.m. She announced that March is National Quilting Month. Feb. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Allegretti presented the Treasurer's Report, including the transfer of \$11,900 into a 9 mos. C.D. which will mature in Dec. @ 4% interest.

She noted that there is enough in our checking account to cover this and next year's expenses. Carol also referenced our table at the upcoming Senior Fair at Hinsdale Community House in April.

The Treasurer's Report was approved. (see below)

Nominating Committee: Linda Johnson announced the formation of a Nominating Committee under Linda Wolfe and described the positions available. Hospitality and Community Service Chairs are also needed.

Pizza Fundraiser: Sandy Taylor updated the Pizza Fundraiser. The date has been changed to Tuesday, March 26th and applies to Lou Malnati's Pizza locations in Oak Park, Oakbrook Terrace and Western Springs (carryout and delivery only at Western Springs). Members must mention S.C. Q. G. fundraiser and code GPFUND24 to get credit for the Guild.

Fabric Sale: Marilyn announced that over 500 lbs. of fabric has already been donated. She will send out a volunteer survey for help with the sale. Marilyn referenced the April 16th Senior Fair at the Hinsdale Community House. S.C.Q.G. is 1 of 50 organizations to have a table. We will have fliers about the Fabric Sale and info on our Guild.

Membership: Jo Murphy announced that there were 38 members at the meeting and 1 on Zoom. There are 90 members in the Guild.

Hospitality: Members with April birthdays were asked to bring snacks to the April meeting.

Programs: Joan Chao described the March 16th Workshop with Carolina Oneto on Zoom. The beautiful Iron Quilters Quilts were on display.

Joan described our April Program on Sustainable Quilting with Bridget O'Flaherty and the April Workshop with Christina Cameli on how to use orphan blocks.

May will feature Ruler Work with Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wesenberg, with a May 11th Day with Rulers Workshop. Joan said that there will be a Second Helping of the In the Kitchen Quilts, highlighting quilting -related recipes. May Open Studio will be a Schoolhouse Day.

Door Prize - Diane Luhman

There are 2 upcoming Quilt Shows at Fischer Farm and Hyde Park (Chicago Lakeside Guild)

Joan introduced our speaker, Julie Silber: Textiles and Text. She gave a fascinating talk on antique quilts and their makers.

Door Prize - Pat Ciszewski

Member's Showcase – Members brought quilts with words to share.

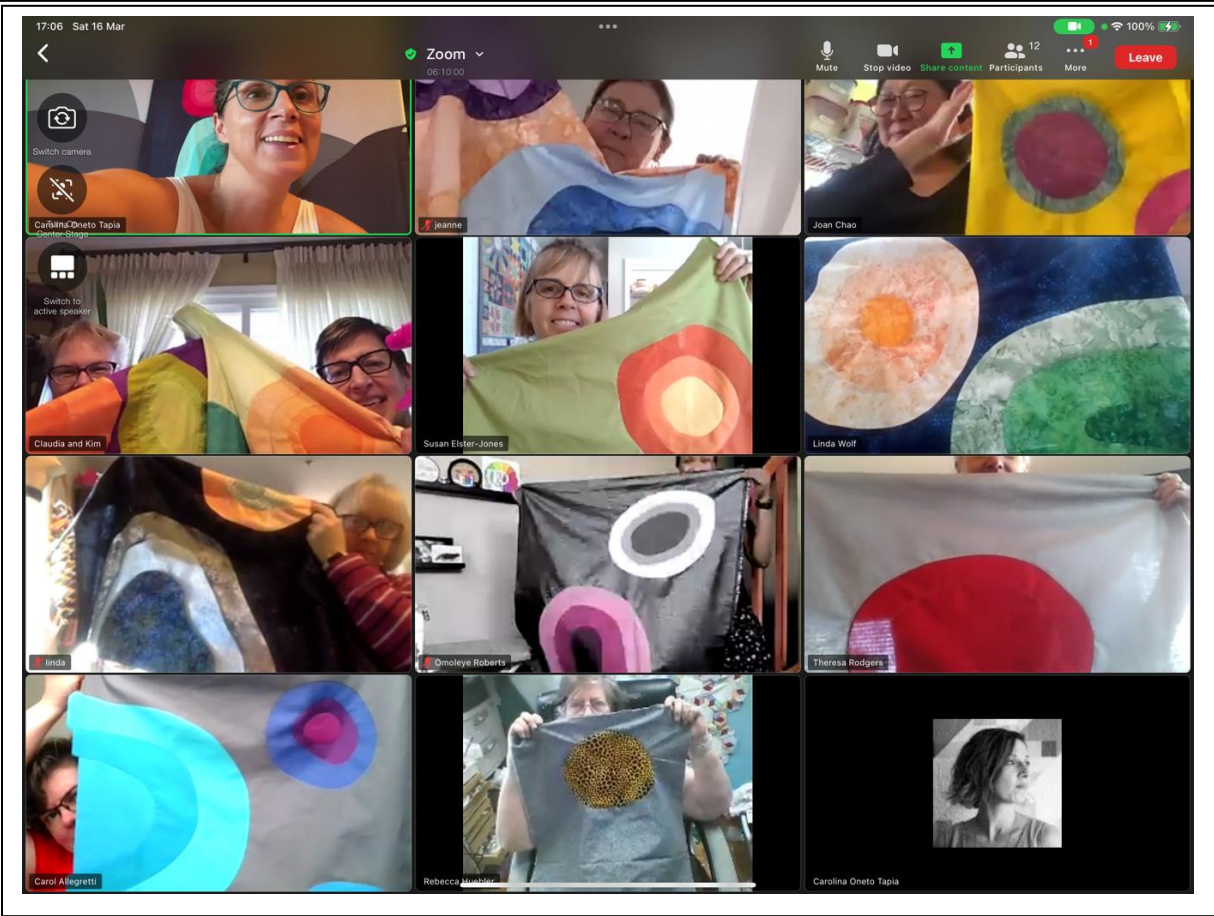
The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

— Eileen Rann

Salt Creek Quilters Guild	
Financial Summary for the month of February 2024	
Savings Account	
Beginning Balance 2/1/24	\$ 12,004.25
Interest	\$ 0.09
Ending Balance 2/29/24	\$ 12,004.34
Checking Account	
Beginning Balance 2/1/24	\$ 23,746.16
Income	348.60
Expenses	(528.65)
Ending Balance 2 /29/24	\$ 23,566.11
Retreat: January 2024	\$ 5,410.00
Refunds: February	\$ (75.00)
Payment to Carmelite Center	\$ (5,335.00)
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Income	
Membership	125.00
Garage Sale	195.00
Fraudulent charges reversed	28.60
	348.60
Expenses	
February Spealer	\$ 225.00
Door prizes	63.50
Cords for electronic equipment	25.26
Iron Quilter Expenses	151.29
Stamps	13.60
Senior Fair Registration at Hinsdale Community House	50.00
	\$ 528.65

Beautiful Stones Workshop Rocked!

Our Zoom workshop with Carolina Oneto in Sao Paulo, Brazil was awesome! We learned how to use contrasting colors for maximum impact and we practiced two techniques to piece organic circular shapes and curves.



Hinsdale Library Display advertising our Fabric Sale

