

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

Happy Holidays! Ready or not, the holidays are here along with all the trimmings, busyness, and excitement that they bring.

Perhaps you've laid a holiday quilt over the sofa or holiday

dinnerware has been placed in the cupboard. What object or activity signifies the joy and meaning of the season for you and yours?

The guild celebrates the season with the annual holiday party. Hopefully you will be able to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to renew old friendships and make some new friends in the guild.

As you go through this Patch Dispatch **I hope you'll find a class or activity that catches your interest and you'll be able to attend. Many members have not yet taken advantage of their \$10 credit towards a class fee. Using this credit makes taking a guild class a really good bargain.**

I'd like to thank Lolly Gajda for all she does to keep Community Service projects moving forward. We accomplished a lot at the workdays in November. All of the projects are simple and can be done at home or at an Open Studio day. Thanks also go to Lisa Odom, who has taken on the guild Facebook page. Lisa has been adding useful content to the page with quilting resources and guild activity information. Members also can post information about their own projects and favorite resources.

As we move through the holiday season and into 2024, may this quote from Mary Anne Radmacher (an inspirational, self-help writer) be true for you.

"May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great possibility."

— *Linda Johnson, President*

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of November 27, 2023. Expect updates via email blasts.

December	
1	Entry due for holiday party
14	Thursday SCQG Meeting / Holiday Party - 7pm
January	
11	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm
26-28	RETREAT

The Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside

No workshops or Open Studios are planned for December or January.



Hospitality

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving! We certainly had a very bountiful treats table at our November Salt Creek Quilters Guild meeting! Thank-you to everyone who contributed treats at the November meeting. Since the December meeting is the **holiday party, we don't have a group assigned for treats.** We will resume the schedule in January.

This is the schedule for the remainder of the Guild year:

January	last names beginning with H-J
February	K-M
March	N-R
April	S-U
May	V-Z

If you miss a meeting or know that you won't be able to make a meeting, feel free to bring your treats to the next meeting you attend. Of course, I will put out the reminder each month in the Patch Dispatch as well.

We have a nice sized group attending the holiday party on December 14, 7-9 PM. Dinner is provided with your ticket. Please bring your silent auction contributions and a show and tell if you want.

Wishing a very happy holiday season to all of our Salt Creek Quilters!

— *Fran Colby, Hospitality*

Iron Quilter Competition

We've Ironed Out the Details – Sign up for the "Iron" Quilter Competition

We have signed up Player-Managers for our 3 teams. We are now in the recruitment phase for team members. Join a team! No try-outs or conditioning workouts required! Sign up to be on a team in the Iron Quilter Competition scheduled for February 10th at Lyons Township Admin Building at 9am. There will be Finisher Badges!

How does it work?

Three teams, consisting of 4 quilters, are given 2.5 yards of fabric and are tasked to complete a small quilt top in 2 hours! Each of the Team Captains will receive the same 2.5 yards of fabric at the January meeting so they can plan their quilt tops and strategy. They can add one extra fabric of their choosing. No cutting of fabric will be done until the start of the 2-hour competition. Completed quilt **tops must be a minimum of 36" on each side.**

Eventually, the finished quilts will be donated to charity.

Sign up to join a team at the Programs table at the December meeting! You can also join the fun as a spectator. Come and cheer the teams on as they frantically sew their masterpieces while you work on **your own projects. When time's up, cast your vote** for your favorite.

Contact Joan Chao for more information.

— *Joan Chao*

Community Service

On Saturday, November 11th, we had an Open Studio Community Service Day. Twelve guild members attended and were very busy and **productive sewing items for Dr Becky's medical mission trip** scheduled for January 2024.

It was an "all hands on deck" sort of day. We completed 73 cloth medicine bags, T-shirt washcloths for eye treatments and 18 eyeglass cases (with more on the way!). Members also made flannel hearts for the neonatal babies and their parents. Some of the members enjoy making the hearts so much that supplies were taken home to complete more!



In other Community Service news, our members have generously donated large (72x84) quilts for the newly enrolled DePaul DAX students. Thanks to wonderful donations, we should have the students covered (literally and figuratively) in time for the cold days ahead.

We were also able to donate 9 small quilts to the Constance Morris House.

A big thank you to our members for their generous donation of quilts and time, it is deeply appreciated.

More Community Service activities are in the planning stage, so stay tuned for further updates!!

-- *Lolly Gajda*



DOG / CAT BEDS

I have agreed to take these to a shelter, if anyone wants to give them to me at a meeting/ or bring them to my house. Usually, a quilter saves her fabric scraps in a pillowcase and closes it or sews some fabric together and stuffs it. Or you can make a small quilt to fit in a cage. There are patterns of "kennel quilts" on this web site -- www.kennelquilts.com. Some shelters are happy to just get old towels, washcloths, etc. Martha Barry dropped off 2 pet beds but I haven't had time to take to a shelter. Thanks

--- *Ann Olson*

Fabric Donation Contest 2024

Do you need to purge to make space for the fabulous new projects you will do in 2024? Of course, you do. SCQG wants to assist you with that goal.

From January to March, we are having a fabric donation contest. The donations will be sold at a fabric sale in May. This was a lot of fun three years ago and a great way to raise money for the Guild.

Here are the Guidelines:

- 100 % Cotton only.
- The minimum size in donation bag is a quarter yard (360 sq inches).
- UFOs and kits with fabric will be accepted and weighed with fabric.
- Gallon size zip lock bags may be filled with usable scraps (1/8 yard minimum) and precuts. Please make your bags look eye appealing.
- 1/3 weight of scrap bags will be credited to your total weight. For example, if the weight of your bags of scraps bags totals 1 lb, you will receive 1/3 lb credit.
- The contest begins January 1, 2024, and ends March 15, 2024.
- All fabric is to be brought to Marilyn **Montgomery's house where it will be weighed.**
- No patterns, magazines, or books
- New notions and pieces of batting for a baby quilt or larger may be donated for the sale. These are not part of the contest.

Prizes will be determined at the end of the contest. Last time we gave out several due to the wonderful participation of our members.

--- *Marilyn Montgomery*



Library

No books will be available at the December Holiday Party. Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy the party. You can still email or phone me if you want a book to borrow. I can meet you at the Community House or I can go pick it up at the Community House and you can come by my house later to get it. The Spreadsheet is on the SCQG web site, and now on Facebook, thanks to Gisa Lisa. The quilt guild also has some items that are not books and are stored at my house - a Trace Projector, stamp pads and quilt design stamps - Braided tree, flying geese, half log cabin, log cabin, noel candle, pineapple, strip basket and MORE. There are also Rulers (templates) - Double Wedding ring, Fussy cutter ruler set 45 degree Diamond guide, Giant Dahlia + instructions, Large Kaleido-ruler, Log Cabin, and also others to go with patterns (one is a set of 7 templates/rulers, one 2 and one of 3 templates/ rulers. I can bring any or all of these to the January meeting, if you let me know that you want to see.

--- Ann Olson

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.

DECEMBER

Holiday Party, no workshop, no Open Studio

JANUARY

January 11, 2024 Thursday

Tina Hilton <https://turtlehand.com>

Lecture 7:00 pm via zoom

“Rare and Remarkable Malaysian **Batik**” How **It’s** Made, Who Makes It and Why **It’s** Important

Tina Hilton is the proprietor of Turtle Hand Batik which offers Malaysian small batch handcrafted quilting fabric featuring traditional batik, artisan dyed fabric and one-of-a-kind art panels. Learn about the different processes and techniques used to make these unique designs.



We will meet in-person at the Community House and enjoy Tina **Hilton’s** lecture via ZOOM as a group.

January 12, 2024 Friday

Tammy L. Deck

Workshop www.tlddesigns.com

Workshop 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



Note different location!

At TLD in Westmont, [26 E Quincy St, Westmont, IL](https://www.google.com/maps/place/26+E+Quincy+St,+Westmont,+IL)

Maximum number of students per class is 6. Sign up by January 3, 2024 so instructor can order supplies.

"Batik on Silk Fabric – Wax-Resist Dyeing"

Artists use substances on textiles to temporarily "resist" dye to create patterns and interest. This workshop explores the use of wax as a resist. Participants will use fabric dyes on silk fabric and learn how to apply wax in layers to create unique hand painted designs. We will use some everyday and some not-so-traditional tools to achieve subtle, sophisticated effects. These beautiful creations can stand on their own and be framed or incorporated into other works such as quilt blocks or pillow fronts. Come have some fun, stretch your imagination, and create art cloth.

Supply List: Dyes and silk fabric will be provided. Students should bring rubber gloves and wear old clothes to class.

January 13, 2024 Saturday
Tammy L. Deck
Workshop www.tliddesigns.com
Workshop 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Note different location!

At TLD in Westmont, [26 E Quincy St, Westmont, IL](http://www.tliddesigns.com)

Maximum number of students per class is 6. Sign up by January 3, 2024 so instructor can order supplies.

Repetition of **Friday's** workshop.

FEBRUARY

February 8, 2024 Thursday
Brenda Gael Smith (Australia)
<https://www.brendagaelsmith.com>
Lecture 7:00 pm via zoom

"Driven to Abstraction"

Brenda creates textile works made from a rich palette of her hand-dyed fabrics complemented by intensive stitching. Much of her work is inspired by the colour and patterns of the natural world with a focus on her surroundings at the "other"

Copacabana in Australia and her New Zealand homeland. Using a process of abstraction, Brenda strives to capture the essence of her subjects in simplified form. Working improvisationally, she refines line, shape, colour and texture to evoke a sense of place, express an idea, highlight an issue or elicit an emotional response. Learn more about **Brenda's inspiration and process in this colourful** lecture.

We will meet in-person at the Community House and enjoy Brenda **Gael Smith's** lecture via ZOOM as a group.



February 10, 2024 Saturday
"Iron" Quilter Competition
Workshop 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

See separate article

MARCH

March 14, 2024 Thursday
Julie Silber <https://juliesilberquilts.com>
Lecture 7:00 pm via zoom

"Mark My Words: Textiles and Text"

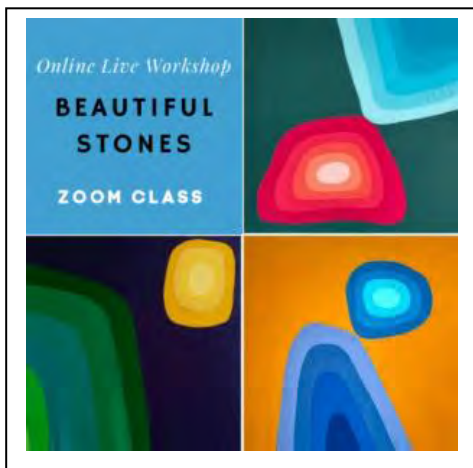
People have always found ways to incorporate the written word into their quilts. We'll look at lots of 19th and 20th century quilts, and the varied ways that text appears... some of them quite ingenious! We will meet in-person and enjoy Julie Silber's lecture via ZOOM as a group.



March 16, 2024 Saturday
Carolina Oneto (Brazil)
[Online Quilting Classes | Carolina Oneto - Modern Quilter](#)
Workshop 9:00am to 4:00 pm via zoom

“Beautiful Stones”

In this workshop the attendees will design and piece a 30” x 30” quilt top, learning different techniques to piece curves and concentric circles. During the class we will explore different compositions, color combinations and shapes. I will show you all my tricks to create these captivating designs. The attendees will learn how to cut fabrics with complex shapes and how to sew these curved shapes by machine.



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.

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 chairs

Link from November Speaker

If you were able to attend the November meeting, you'll remember Rose Parr talked about handouts in her lecture. This is a link to her website and the password to get to the handouts if you are interested.

<https://www.healthyquilting.com/resources-for-makers>

password sewsmart

If you haven't yet made your reservation for the Holiday Party to be held on Thursday, Dec. 14. be sure to contact Fran Colby by Dec. 1. Silent auction items are needed for the Holiday Party. This could be baked goods, homemade candies, ornaments,

sewing notions, and assembled baskets of related items.

Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your gatherings as the holidays kick into full gear.

--Linda Johnson

Meeting Minutes

Salt Creek Meeting Minutes Nov. 9, 2023

President Linda Johnson welcomed members and guests. There were no in-person guests and 4 Zoom guests.

The October minutes were approved.

Treasurers report – Carol Allegretti gave the report and it was approved.

October 2023:

Balances as of 10/31/2023

Treasurer's report:	<u>Balance</u>
Savings:	\$12,003.95
Checking Account	\$24,204.61
August Bus Trip	\$171.64
Retreat: January 2024 (14)	\$3,125.00
<u>Income</u>	
Membership	\$ 70.00
Holiday Party (9)	\$135.00
Programs: Meetings & Zelle	\$120.00
Garage Sale	<u>\$105.25</u>
	\$430.25

<u>Expenses</u>	
Storage locker	\$128.00
Storage locker – new place	\$ 43.88
Lock for new storage locker	\$ 17.59
Speaker: Lecture, Program	\$1,100.00
Speaker Hotel	\$420.58
Speaker Meals	\$ 49.95
Deposit – Jan. 2024 speaker	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$1,860.00

Membership – Jo Murphy for DeAnn Ellis Reported that there were 33 in-person members and 7 on Zoom

Library – Ann sold all but 4 books.

Community Service – Lolly announced a Fri. Nov. 10th Sew-in to make eyeglass cases, medicine bags etc. as well as the Sat Community Service Workshop Nov.11.

Linda reported that the storage space location had changed, and we need to determine what should be kept there. She invited members to look at a Block of the Month binder with photos of BOM QUILTS from the past.

Programs – Programs: Linda Johnson for Joan Chao
Linda reviewed upcoming programs for 2024.

- Jan. Tina Hilton will lecture on wax-resist dyeing via Zoom. Workshops will be held on Fri. and Sat. (Jan. - 12 and 13) lead by Tammy L. Deck at TLD in Westmont-limit 6 students per class.
- **Feb. will be Brenda Gael from Australia “Driven to Abstraction” via Zoom.**
- Feb. workshop will be the Iron Quilter Competition to complete quilts during the workshop.
- March speaker will be quilt historian and collector, Julie Sillber via Zoom.
- March 16, 2024 will be an online Quilting class with Carolina Oneto from Brazil via Zoom.
- **April Bridget O’Flaherty (Canada) will lecture via Zoom on Sustainable Quilting.** April workshop is Christina Cameli via Zoom on using leftover blocks and scraps.
- May Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wessenberg on Rulerwork with a Sat. workshop on quilting with rulers.

Marilyn Montgomery reported there will be a fabric sale in **May. We’ll have a fabric donation Contest.** Fabric donations will be weighed and winner will get a prize. Please put small fabric pieces in 1 gal Ziploc bags and color coordinate and cut in usable pieces.

Linda referred to an. E-mail quilt show survey/questionnaire. Paper copies will be available at the Dec. meeting.

Hospitality – Fran urged members to get their tickets for the Dec. holiday party in the Rotary Room. There will be a Silent Auction (proceeds to benefit Constance Morris House.) There will be a show and tell at the holiday party.

Retreat – Claudia Moffat The retreat will be on Fri. Jan 26-28. There are only 7 spots left. It is limited to 32 people.

PROGRAM – **Rose Parr spoke “Sew Smart” gave tips on the ergonomics of sewing, pressing and handwork.** She gave us a link to handouts on healthy quilting etc

Door Prizes – 3 winners Arlene Forst, Claudia Moffat and Gail Hennigan.

Members’ Showcase

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

— *Eileen Rann*