

# SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

September 2022

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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 [barbaraeobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaraeobrien@hotmail.com)



### President's Message

#### It Seems to Me...

There's a feeling of excitement and anticipation in the air as we start a new guild year! I'm looking forward to trying new things both personally and as a guild. Based on feedback from our membership survey, we'll be making some changes to accommodate the capabilities and preferences of our members. So, let's embrace the new activities as an opportunity to reinvent ourselves and stay relevant as a guild. My goals for the guild are to maintain a supportive environment for all types of quilters and their aesthetic pursuits as part of the world-wide quilting community. This year, let's learn a lot, help a lot, and have fun with others who quilt a lot.

A big Thank You to members who worked hard on guild projects this summer. DeAnn Ellis and Jo Murphy led us on a most delightful bus trip to Cedarburg, WI. Fran Colby, Jennifer Shekaran, Julie Laney, and Linda Johnson worked with dogged determination to put together our first-ever fundraising Pets and Patchwork Calendar. Be sure to buy a calendar – or two!

Stitch on!

— *Joan Chao, President*

## Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of September 28, 2022. Expect updates via email blasts.

August	
30	Deadline to send Quilty Adventures photos to Joan Chao
September	
2	Zoom gathering - 10am - Summer Quilty Adventures
5	Deadline to send Showcase photos to Barb Mellens
8	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Jane Sassaman lecture
9	Jane Sassaman workshop - 9 am
10	Open Studio - Help Me Get Unstuck - 9am-4pm

## Show and Tell Is Now Member Showcase

We're changing the name of Show and Tell to Member Showcase to better emphasize the artistry of the quilts presented. Barb Mellens is our Showcase Wrangler.

If you are attending the meeting via zoom and have quilts to present, email photos of your quilts to Barb Mellens at [barbmellens@gmail.com](mailto:barbmellens@gmail.com) by the Monday before the Thursday meeting so she has time to assemble them into a Power Point presentation.

If you are attending the meeting in person, we have a new streamlined process to make the Showcase go faster while still giving presenters ample time to talk about their quilts. Stay tuned for instructions at the meeting.

— *Joan Chao*

## Gatherings

Gatherings on Zoom occur on the Friday morning before our monthly meeting. Each Gathering is an informal way to get to know each other better and foster friendships. It starts off with a 'Question of the Day' that sparks a lively discussion. Then

usually a member presents a 30 – 40-minute trunk show of their quilts with interesting tidbits and commentary about them. It's a great way to appreciate the member's quilting style. Our recent membership survey identified member trunk shows as the most popular guild activity. If you would like to present a future trunk show of your quilts, please contact Linda Johnson.

Our next Gathering is Friday, September 2 at 10:00 am. An invitation with a zoom link will be sent a few days before the Gathering. Instead of a trunk show, we'll show photos of How You Spent Your Summer Vacation Going on Quilty Adventures (like museums, quilt shows, retreats, quilt shops, events and places that provided inspiration for future quilts.) If you have adventures to share with us, please email up to five photos to Joan Chao at [popcorn412@gmail.com](mailto:popcorn412@gmail.com) and identify the event and/or location.

— *Joan Chao*

## Open Studio

On Saturday, September 10th we will launch our first Open Studio from 9-4 at the Lyons Township Admin Building, 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside. It's a Sew-In with a bonus. You can drop in and out anytime. Bring your sewing machine or sit and hand sew something. We will usually have a short optional program (demo or talk given by a SCQG member) that starts around 10 am. If you have a demo that you can present in a future Open Studio please contact Linda Johnson.

Our first program is Help Get Me Unstuck. Bring your quilts and questions, such as: What fabric should I use in my borders? What's the best way to do this? Do I really have to rip all this out? We'll give you advice and encouragement to get you going again on that long-abandoned project.

— *Joan Chao*

## Membership

It's September, Guild is in session! We're happy to be your new membership chairs and hope you have already renewed your membership.

If you haven't yet, you still can renew before the meeting by going to [www.saltcreekqg.com](http://www.saltcreekqg.com) and paying your fee by Zelle (preferred) or Paypal (credit card) and printing out a form to complete and bring to the meeting. Or just bring a check with you to the meeting and complete a form, we'll have them available for completion. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

— Jo Murphy and DeAnn Ellis

## Membership Survey Follow-up

Thank you to all those who completed a Membership Survey! We had a 46% response rate. Congratulations to Barb Kellert and Ann Olson who were winners in our random drawing of completed surveys. They each won a \$20 gift certificate to Missouri Star or Quilter's Quest quilt shop.

Results of the survey were analyzed by the Board. Committee Chairpersons will review specific suggestions and incorporate them, where possible, into their programming. Here is a high-level summary of what you told us.

### Who we are

- 91% have been SCQG members 5 or more years
- 95% consider themselves advanced or intermediate skill level

### Meetings

- 67% will use zoom some or all the time

### Workshops

- 44% attended 0 workshops last year
- 66% said they would like 1 workshop per month
- Greater than 70% said they would attend a sew-in with an organized event

### Fundraising

- 71% said they would be willing to increase annual dues in lieu of doing several fundraisers

- 16% said they were willing to chair a Quilt Show Committee
- 95% said they were willing to volunteer for 4 hours at the Quilt Show
- 52% would help make a quilt to donate to an auction
- 35% would help advertise a quilt auction

### Guild Activities

- 18% said they would be willing to lead an activity
- Most popular activities were listening to others' trunk shows, retreat, field trip
- Top reasons for belonging to SCQG were friendship, learning, inspiration

— Joan Chao

## Hospitality

Welcome back to a new year of Salt Creek Quilters Guild!

Thank-you to everyone who volunteered to be on the hospitality committee for this year. The Board collected some helpful information from the member survey over the summer. One thing we confirmed is that members place a high priority on the friendship and camaraderie they find in the Guild. So, to that end, our hospitality committee will be helping to foster that feeling of friendship.

At each meeting, we will have greeters at the door to welcome you and introduce newer members to some friendly folks to sit with. The hospitality committee will also work with the membership committee to pair a "buddy" with our newest members to help them learn more about the Guild and meet members.

While we are not yet going to be providing food at the meetings, we will have coffee and water service in the foyer. Our seating will be at the round tables, so each month we encourage you to bring in DIY (Do It Yourself) table decorations on a seasonal theme. Bring in your quilted items or other favorite decorations that you are willing to display at the table where you sit. This will hopefully encourage some discussion at your table and with others as they walk around at the break.

For the September meeting, the DIY table decorations theme is back to school or fall.

Besides discussion of the decorations, we will also have a "conversation starter" for the table. This will give everyone at the table a chance to be sure they know their tablemates and have some enjoyable and interesting conversation as the meeting starts.

I am looking forward to a great year ahead for Salt Creek Quilters Guild!

— Fran Colby

## Programs/Workshops

### Fall 2022 Lectures and Workshops

**September: Jane Sassaman is coming back to Salt Creek!**



- **Lecture: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 7:00 pm**

Jane Sassaman <http://janesassaman.com>, currently a designer for FreeSpirit fabrics, will provide a lecture entitled "Jane's Textile Treasure Garden" about the creative process she uses in designing fabric.

- **Workshop: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 9:00am – 4:00pm**

Jane will lead a workshop "Domestic Bliss: Abstract Applique Still Life"

Learn from Jane's insights into design and inspiration. Jane has been twice nominated for Teacher of the Year by Professional Quilter's Magazine. Jane's comforting nature and encouragement will benefit seasoned artists and novices alike.

We will begin this workshop by looking at examples of abstract still lives by several 20th century artists. Then we will simplify our subjects by cutting paper shapes to play with perspective, light and shadow and composition. Then we will transform our paper pictures into fabric appliqué. There is lots of room for fun and exaggerated interpretations of what we see.

Bring pictures of still life – flowers, magazine pictures, decorating or flower arranging books, basic drawing supplies. Then you will translate these ideas into fabric, learning her unique appliqué, construction and quilting techniques.

**October: Carl Hentsch will join us.**



- **Lecture: OCTOBER 13, 2022 7:00PM**

Carl Hentsch <http://www.3dogdesignco.com>, pattern designer and author of books including *New York Beauties & Flying Geese*, *Amish Inspired Quilts*, and *Stars and Stripes Forever*, will give a lecture on Amish Inspired Quilts for Today.

- **Workshop: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022 9:00am – 4:00pm**

- Carl will lead a workshop "Fly Over" that includes techniques for foundation piecing, Y-seams and templates.

For this workshop, his pattern will be needed. You can purchase the digital pattern on his online shop

<https://3dogdesigncompanystore.square.site/>. Look under 'Digital Patterns' There are 2 versions of the pattern: Fly Over 1 finishes 70" x 70" and Fly Over 2 finishes at 48" x 48". The

techniques are the same for both and the pattern retails at \$15.95. You can purchase the preprinted foundation patterns for an additional \$5.00. He would just need to know who would like them and what size pattern they you chosen. The fabric requirements are listed on the back of the pattern.

**November:**

**Join us for a unique lecture by Professor Tracy Vaughn-Manley, Ph.D, of Northwestern University’s Dept. of African American Studies.**



- **Lecture: NOVEMBER 10, 2022 7:00pm**

In November, our lecturer will be Professor Tracy Vaughn-Manley, Ph.D, of Northwestern University’s Dept. of African American Studies. Dr. Vaughn-Manley discusses the distinctive aspects that define the Black Aesthetic quilting tradition and how quilting is used by Black women writers: Toni Morrison, Nikki Giovanni, and others to assert individual/collective agency and build community (ies).

- **Workshop: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022 9:00am – 4:00pm**

Carol Wilhoit <https://www.carolquilts.com/> will lead a workshop entitled “Five Great Zipper Bags”. She will have kits available for \$22.00. Think Holiday gifts!!

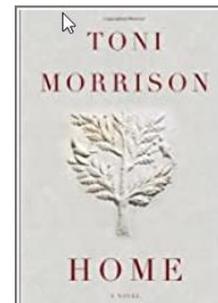


—Theresa Rodgers and Linda Wolf, Programs

**Book Talk Discussion**

**Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. Location to be determined.**

In preparation for her lecture in November, Professor Tracy Vaughn-Manley, Ph.D, of Northwestern University’s Dept. of African American Studies has recommended we read “Home” by Toni Morrison.



Pick up the book from the library or your bookstore.

We will discuss the book on Thursday, October 20.

*America's most celebrated novelist, Nobel Prize-winner Toni Morrison extends her profound take on our history with this twentieth-century tale of redemption: a taut and tortured story about one man's desperate search for himself in a world disfigured by war.*

*Frank Money is an angry, self-loathing veteran of the Korean War who, after traumatic experiences on the front lines, finds himself back in racist America with more than just physical scars. His home may seem alien to him, but he is shocked out of his crippling apathy by the need to rescue his medically abused younger sister and take her back to the small Georgia town they come from and that he's hated all his life. As Frank revisits his memories from childhood and the war that have left him questioning his sense of self, he discovers a profound courage he had thought he could never possess again.*

—Julie Laney and Joan Chao

**Programs 2023/24**

We would like to introduce ourselves as co-chairs for Programs for the 2023-2024 season: Susan Elster-Jones from Oak Park and Suzanne Lennox from Hinsdale. Susan has a BFA and MA in Fine Art, focused on painting and drawing. Suzanne, as many of you, is a long-time quilter—mostly traditional. We have reviewed the survey Joan Chao sent out to all of us as to your views and interests and will take all of that into account as we

seek out lecturers/teachers for the following year. Any suggestions would be most appreciated.

—*Suzanne Lennox and Susan Elster-Jones*

## Bee News

We have five bees busy at work in the Guild. All of the bees can take a few more members. If you'd like more information about the bee or would like to join, contact the bee leader. Bees are a good way to meet more guild members, learn and practice new skills, or challenge your own creativity.



- Row Quilters – Jana Mcilroy  
jmcilroy@comcast.net
- Postcard Quilts – Claudia Moffat  
cmoffat602@gmail.com
- Challenge - Janet Egan jequilt@hotmail.com
- Charity – Linda Wolf lindawolf@gmail.com
- Sew Random – DeAnn Ellis  
dellis262@gmail.com

— *Linda Johnson*

## Salt Creek Retreat

### OK, SO IT'S MY HUSBAND'S BIRTHDAY, BUT I'M STILL GOING

Join us January 13-15 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL for our Annual SCQG Retreat. Note that this is a special **THREE-DAY EVENT!!** We arrive Friday, January 13 at 8 am and finish up on Sunday, January 15 at 3 pm.

We'll have a total of five meals:

Friday: Lunch and Dinner  
Saturday: Breakfast and Dinner  
Sunday: Brunch or lunch (TBD)

Coffee, tea, and water are available continuously, and a microwave and refrigerator are available. I know everyone enjoys bringing snacks to share, so there should be no worries about keeping up our strength to sew!

The best part of the weekend is the opportunity for UNINTERRUPTED SEWING, eating, getting inspiration from other quilters, eating, chatting, eating... The Carmelite Spiritual Center always does a great job with the food and treats us very well.

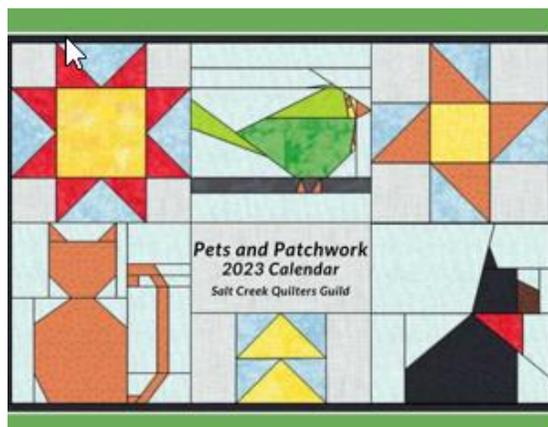
If you haven't yet gone on a SCQG retreat, we hope you'll come. For those returning, welcome back! We will take reservations at the October meeting and compile a waiting list. SCQG members enjoy preferred registration. We will let you know if we have additional space for guests.

See the attached registration (at the end of the newsletter) for additional details and to sign up.

— *Barb Morris*

## Pet Calendar

The Salt Creek Quilters Guild "Pets and Patchwork" calendar for 2023 is in its final stages of production, and it looks great!! Thank-you to everyone who sent in their delightful photos of beloved pets with their special quilts.



The calendar will be ready by the September meeting and will be for sale at the meeting for \$16. We will be happy to take payment in cash or check. Look for the table where committee members will be selling calendars. Be sure to pick up one for yourself and some for holiday gifts. They will be a very colorful and attractive organizing tool to begin planning out 2023!!

See you at the calendar table in September!

Calendar Committee:

- Joan Chao
- Fran Colby
- Linda Johnson
- Julie Laney
- Jennifer Shekaran

## Community Service

Community Service has had a very busy and successful 2021-2022! We met and exceeded the challenging goal of providing 18 quilts for the DAX students. Community Service committee members and our guild members outdid themselves with the beautiful quilts that were made by individual members, by the Bee groups and donations from outside the guild. Our wonderful members pitched in to help with their time and special talents on all aspects of these projects. All will become a welcome treasure to the students!

On July 19th, Joan Chao, Marilyn Montgomery and I had the opportunity to visit the future residence of the incoming DAX students and were able to meet with our DePaul representative. We were given a tour of the building which had been generously donated to DePaul. The building was still undergoing renovation when we visited as seen in the pictures. When the work is completed, it will be a great place for the DAX students to complete their education. The building has 8 apartments, and each apartment can accommodate three students. In September, an Open House is planned at which

time we hope to present the quilts and meet some of the students.

As our next quilt year gets underway, we hope to have some fun new projects in mind. As details are worked out and fine-tuned, we will share our plans with our members. If there are ideas or suggestions for future Community Service projects, feel free to contact me.

—Lolly Gajda



## Cedarburg Field Trip

We had a great time June 3 on our Cedarburg Field Trip! 27 members boarded a bus from the Quilters Quest parking lot (Thanks to Bob for making sure we didn't get towed!), and sped up to Cedarburg, WI to the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, a small but very interesting museum that showcased some clothing design students' work made from quilts and beautiful quilts made of fabric and other things.



After our tour and a group photo on the steps, the bus hauled us to downtown Cedarburg for lunch on our own and a little general shopping before moving on the shop hop portion of our adventure.

We made it to three quilt shops before turning toward home with our loot. During the drive we played a fun game of "what's in your purse" and then continued with a door prize drawing so that everyone went home with a little something. DeAnn got her exercise, running up and down the

aisle and Jo learned some people's names, well, last names. We were loaded with Linda's and Barb's. I think the final consensus was a good time was had by all and they want to do another field trip! Hope you can come along next time!

—DeAnn Ellis and Jo Murphy



## Library

Here is the web site to look at the quilt guild spreadsheet of books:

<https://www.saltcreekqg.org/library> The spreadsheet is updated and posted on the website periodically.

The books are on the bookcase shelves at the Community House (where we have our meetings). Joan received a lot of donated books this summer. We looked through them and most will be sold at the garage sale table at the September meeting.

I will put these titles into the library collection :

- Turning Strips and Squares into Table sets,
- Upcycle Quilts (from old handkerchiefs, blankets, shirts, socks, t-shirts, totebags),
- Best of Quilted Bags ,
- Eleanor Burns Flying Geese: Quilt in a day,
- DISNEY Home- Pooh & Friends Patchwork parade (13 projects),
- DISNEY Home – Pooh Playful Applique for kids (12 designs),
- Photo fun- Print your own fabric for Quilts & Crafts (HP company)

I cannot be at the September meeting, but Barb Mellens said she'd help when not busy with other volunteer responsibilities. If you have a book/s

checked out, you can keep them till the October meeting.

—Ann Olson

## Newsletter

Welcome back for this new Guild year! If you want to continue to receive the newsletter this year, please make sure you renew your membership and include your current email address on the form you provide to Jo and DeAnn.

We will start using the updated membership list for the October newsletter and other mailings.

—Barbara O'Brien

## Thank you from Marilyn

Dear Members,

Thank you for the pair of Gingher Scissors as a generous gift for serving as President of SCQG. They are on my cutting table and are used frequently. I appreciate the thoughtful reminder of a fond period of my life. Thank you also for the gift card to Quilters Quest. I don't plan to keep that as a memory, rather, it should be spent in the near future.



Sincerely,

Marilyn

## Meeting Minutes

**Salt Creek Quilt Guild meeting minutes: 5/12/2022**

Laurel Karlo led a warmup activity, starting at 7:08: birthdays closest to today's date and best vacation

Meeting called to order at 7:18 PM by President Marilyn Montgomery. Business Meeting:

#### **Membership:**

Kathy Elwood & Fran Colby reported that 62 members have renewed so far. They reminded everyone that they want updates for the directory & photos.

#### **Programs:**

Linda Johnson said that there is one more program for this year, Greg Barner. At the program table there are samples for Friday and Saturday classes. Also, there are program signup sheets for next year (more information later on those). Kits are available for classes. It has been fun, hope you enjoyed this year's programs. Marilyn Montgomery said she bought one of the kits, works well.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

Savings account: \$12,002.17  
Checking account: \$18,104.16 (not incl. Cedarburg \$)  
Income: \$2,265.31  
Guild expenses: \$1,361.22  
Report acceptance was moved and seconded (didn't get names)

#### **Events and updates:**

- Accuquilt – Marilyn Montgomery asked about interest. Forum will be held at Lyons Twp location.
- Joan will talk later about photography lecture (Zoom)
- Cedarburg bus trip/shop hop is on Friday June 3. We would appreciate getting word out to other guilds, please post of Facebook or share with other guilds you are members of. Bus trip: Members \$65, non-guild \$75. Bus leaving from parking lot by Quilters Quest. DeAnn will be sending information, leaving at 7:30 am, museum is opening early for us, lunch downtown, then two quilt shops. The Delavan shop is staying open late for us. Should be home around 6:30. Museum has gift shop, lots of fiber items.
- We will continue Zoom gatherings in summer
- Talked to Carol Douglas, website is updated, should work with PayPal to sign up for Fall classes.

#### **Programs for 2022/23 guild year:**

- September – Jane Sassaman
- October – Carl Hentsch
- November – Professor Tracy Vaughn, book discussion may happen in summer or fall. Workshop is Carol Wilhoit, little zipper bags great for Christmas
- February – embroidery & beading
- April – Lynn Schmidt
- May – Bobby Butler

#### **Pet Calendar:**

Joan Chao said we're excited about the pet calendar. It is a fundraiser, not huge but fun. Depending on how many pictures, 2-3 on top of each page, showed mockup. On back, page of credits. Details: Live animals only, try to keep background minimal, no people, highest resolution possible, save final as PNG file. Guidelines for submitting, will have form, can submit up to 3 per person. One form per photo, need written permissions if not pet owner or photographer. Live animal with quilt.

We will have a special session May 24 in evening on photography. Will send Zoom link when we get closer to the date. Both quilt show photography and lifestyle photography (for calendar). Joan said the online information was inspiring.

#### **DAX Quilts:**

Everyone look around, look up and around – there are the 22 DAX quilts. Your one last time to see all of them. Applause. Thanks to Lolly for coordinating. Marilyn Montgomery thanked all for their work on this.

#### **ELECTION:**

New board needs to be elected. The process is: 1<sup>st</sup> accept nominations, then do election. Only active guild members are allowed to vote.

Nominating committee was called to the podium, except for Carol Douglas on Zoom. Marilyn Montgomery said thank you, they did a great job.

- Vice President/President – Linda Johnson is nominated for a two-year term. Moved and seconded by Claudia Moffat, Kathy Elwood
- Contracts/Program – Susan Elster-Jones and Suzanne Lennox nominated for two-year term. Moved and seconded by Linda Kennedy, DeAnn Ellis
- Membership – DeAnn Ellis and Jo Murphy nominated. Moved and seconded by Alberta Eller & Debbie Wesenberg

Ayes carried in all cases, no Nays. Asked for any nominations from the floor – none suggested

Business moved to election:

- Linda Johnson – Ayes carried, no Nays
- Susan Elster-Jones/Suzanne Lennox – Ayes carried, no Nays
- DeAnn Ellis/Jo Murphy – Ayes carried, no Nays

Marilyn Montgomery asked the newly elected board members to stand up

#### **CHANGE OF PRESIDENT:**

Joan Chao was made president of the guild, promoted from serving as vice president this year. Marilyn Montgomery handed gavel to Joan Chao. Applause

Joan Chao: what a remarkable 2 years it has been. Marilyn has done a great job, overcoming hurdles, successfully found a new location for workshops, encouraged people to get to know each other, fundraising innovations, Covid responses, lots of work on infrastructure of the guild, processes in place for continuity. Asked Marilyn to come up, we have something to show appreciation – card & gift in Japanese wrapping as Alice Ridge suggested.

Marilyn: thank you to people who took on responsibility, very excited about future.

**Door prize #1: 1<sup>st</sup> name not attending – Sandy Byrnes is winner on Zoom**

**Break** – 10 minutes, then speaker.

**Speaker:** Greg Barner – showed many quilts, most with pieced backs – impressive

**Door prize #2: 1<sup>st</sup> name not attending – Barb Morris**

**Basket Drawing Winners:** Linda Kennedy, Carol Allegretti, Kathy Tracey

#### **Show & Tell**

**Joan Chao reminder:** possible road trip, Intl Museum in Nebraska has red & white quilt exhibit formerly in New York City

**Meeting Adjourned:** Claudia Moffatt and Alberta Eller

— Barbara O'Brien, substituting for Martha Barry