

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month to:

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— **Barbara O'Brien**  
*Patch Dispatch editor*



### President's Message

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024! If you do a quick online search of New Year traditions from **around the world, you'll find many** traditions using food or household objects to bring good luck and

prosperity to you in the new year. In the U.S. we **make New Year's resolutions to change a** behavior or set new goals and challenges to be met in the coming year.

While I was never big on making resolutions and taking them very seriously, in January 2021 I **adopted the phrase "Do the hard thing" as a motto** for the coming year. Maybe because I was newly retired and Covid was still keeping us isolated I could resolve to take this seriously, although I applied it mostly to my quilting and not to other areas of my life. Maybe you too have that one (or several) dream patterns you want to do someday, **but always put aside for "later" because it looks** complicated or involves a technique you fear might be too hard. Based on my motto and resolve, I began choosing **to do those patterns. I've gone** face-to-face and toe-to-toe with piecing curves, detailed machine appliqué, geometric precise piecing, and using paper piecing to replicate the tile patterns of floors in Italian cathedrals. While I once considered each whole project to be too hard, by completing one step at a time, and giving myself a **little grace when things weren't perfect, I've** completed 4 projects that at one time were only wishes and dreams.

January is a good time to look forward and set some goals and challenges for the guild. We are in the process of evaluating the whole idea of a guild Quilt Show. Doing a traditional show is a hard and challenging event for a guild our size, but perhaps very doable working step by step with the resources

we have. As we see our membership numbers decline, we need to look at how we can bring in new members and get them, as well as existing members involved in guild activities. To continue to provide a schedule of lectures and workshops we have financial challenges to meet.

The guild board will continue to discuss these challenges and introduce new ideas and possibilities to the membership. We welcome your ideas and participation as we move through 2024 and into the future years.

— *Linda Johnson, President*

## Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of December 29, 2023. Expect updates via email blasts.

January	
11	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Malaysian Batik
12	Workshop - Batik on Silk Dyeing @ TLD in Westmont
13	Workshop - Batik on Silk Dyeing @ TLD in Westmont
26-28	RETREAT
February	
8	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Driven to Abstraction
10	Iron Quilter Competition

**The Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside**  
**No workshops or Open Studios are planned for January.**

## News & Announcements

No Open Studios in January: There will be no Open Studios at Lyons Township Admin Building on January 12 or 13 since the workshops are at another location. We'll see you at the Retreat later in the month.

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Looking to Borrow a Camera Tripod

**We're looking to borrow a camera tripod to help record the "Iron" Quilter Competition on**

**February 10th. If you have one, please contact Joan Chao.**

## Hospitality

Happy New Year to everyone!

Our Salt Creek holiday party was a success with 38 people in attendance. We had a very relaxing evening of eating, socializing, and bidding on silent auction items. As you probably have heard, the silent auction earned \$965.79 which we have donated to Constance Morris House! What a great showing by our members who attended to help women in crisis.

For our January meeting, members with last names H through J are invited to bring treats. Anyone else is welcome to contribute to the treats, and if you are H-J and are missing this meeting, feel free to bring treats to another meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the January meeting!

— *Fran Colby, Hospitality*

## Retreat

Retreat January 26, 27, 28

Are you ready! Are you checking off your supply list? **Here are the particulars....**

The Carmelite Spiritual Center is located at 8419 Bailey Road, Darien. Doors will open at 8 am on Friday morning. Lunch and dinner will be served on Friday. The front doors are only open to key cards at night, so keep your room key handy if you go out. Our sewing room will be open 24/7.

**On Saturday, we get 2 meals, so I'll ask if we can get brunch vs. breakfast, but it depends on how many others are using the facility. We will also have dinner.**

On Sunday, room check out is by 9:30 am. Used bedding and towels are to be put in the bins on the hall. Your suitcase can be brought to the sewing

room, or taken to your car. I'll ask for brunch is possible, otherwise we will have breakfast on Sunday. Our retreat ends at 3 pm.

Coffee, tea, and water are always available in the sewing room. Attendees are encouraged to bring additional goodies to share. Did I mention wine? 😊

This is a low-key weekend, so there is no theme, **games, or prizes. We'll have lots of time for sewing, socializing, making new friends, and having fun.** Bring all your normal sewing supplies, plus an extension cord, and more projects than you think you will need. See you there!

— *Claudia Moffat*

## Iron Quilter Competition

### "Iron" Quilter Competition Set for February

As a pre-game warmup to the Super Bowl the following day, come watch our "Iron" Quilter Competition on Saturday, February 10th at Lyons Township Admin Building at 9 am.

You can 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.**

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.

Contact Joan Chao for more information.

— *Joan Chao*

## Fabric Donation Contest 2024

It's New year's Resolution time.

Here is win-win situation: pull out the **quilt fabric that doesn't interest you** anymore and donate to the Guild.



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 contest begins January 15, 2024, and ends March 15, 2024.
- All fabric is to be brought to Marilyn Montgomery's house where it will be weighed.
- Prizes will be determined at the end of the contest. Last time we gave out several due to the wonderful participation of our members.

*Contest fabrics:*

- 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.

*Scrap bags:*

- 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.

*Other donations:*

- 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.
- No patterns, magazines, or books

Any questions-contact Barbara O'Brien or Marilyn Montgomery.

--- *Marilyn Montgomery*

## Quilt Bees

### Let's Bee Happy

Want to meet new people, and learn from your fellow quilters? Here is an easy, fun way to do this- Join a Quilt Bee. Here are a few that are looking for new members:

**Sew Bee It:** We are a group of quilters who meet virtually on Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am. We make quilts for the students at the Dax House. We have been quilting for several years and our skill level is intermediate to advanced.

**Hand Stitching:** This is a group of people who meet at the Thomas Ford Library to do our own projects. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1 pm.

**Hand Maidens:** We meet at different homes or at the library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm. We work on our projects and sometimes take on projects for the Guild.

**Quilting Adventures:** Known as Row Quilters, we are experimenting with doing field trips, meeting at a library or an occasional Zoom meeting. We went to the Economy Shop in Oak Park, visited a quilt store in Morris, toured the Make It floor at Elmhurst library and met for lunch. We don't have a regular time or day. We hope to put together a schedule based upon people's ideas.

If you would like more information, please email me.

--- Marilyn Montgomery

marilyn.o.montgomery@gmail.com

## Library

I will have some books for free and to borrow at the January meeting. Please let me know if you want to borrow a book and I will take it out of the bookcase and have it waiting for you. I have the tracer, ink pads, ink stamps and various rulers in storage at my home. Remember the spreadsheet is on the guild web site and the FACEBOOK page with a listing of all of the books and other items

available to SCQG members. You can come and see, borrow any item, not a book, in storage at my house.

--- 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.

## 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](http://www.tlddesigns.com)  
Workshop 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



Note different location!

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

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.tlddesigns.com](http://www.tlddesigns.com)  
Workshop 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Note different location!

At TLD in Westmont, [26 E Quincy St, Westmont, IL](http://www.tlddesigns.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](http://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*

## **Meeting Minutes**

*Salt Creek Meeting December 14, 2023  
Holiday Party*

The evening began with a social time with members viewing and bidding on the silent auction items. A meal of pizza, salad, and cupcakes was enjoyed by 37 members.

After eating a short meeting was held.

Members were directed to the Patch Dispatch for the most recent financial report.

Joan Chao gave a brief report on the upcoming programs. January workshops are full. In February, the Iron Quilter competition replaces the workshop. We have three complete teams for the competition.

Bidding on the silent auction items ended at 8:45. Total raised for the Constance Morris House was \$965.79.

Thank you to all members who participated in the silent auction by donating items and by purchasing items. Also, a big Thank you to Fran Colby for planning and hosting the evening.

--*Linda Johnson*