

SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

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September and May

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, we have returned to in-person meetings, with masks, 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 **23rd of each month** to

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— Barbara O'Brien
Patch Dispatch editor



Letter from the President

Wasn't the September 40th Anniversary party a wonderful way to begin our upcoming year! The theme of red and white through all the festivities made for a joyful

evening. The pictures brought back many fond memories for me. Many thanks to Linda Kennedy, Leslie Prast, and the Hospitality Committee who kept the evening moving seamlessly.

Next month we will meet back in Kettering Hall which is a much larger space. Safe distancing will remain a challenge, but we will try to make modifications regarding distancing where possible. We will use round tables seating 6 people. Please note that no food or beverages will be provided at future meetings and masks are required. At each meeting this year, we will do a brief activity that is designed to help you meet new people. This is an extension of our popular break out rooms at the beginning of our Zoom meetings.

I am so excited to hear about the variety of plans for quilts for the Dax House at De Paul. To be part of welcoming the new students is a great gesture.

Thanks again to all the sorters, equipment providers, and helpers for the Fabric Sale in September. We cleared \$1900 and are donating our leftover books to local libraries and the fabric to worthy causes.

— Marilyn Montgomery

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of September 28, 2021. Expect updates via email blasts and through Marilyn's bulletins.

October

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| 1 | SCQG Zoom gathering - 7pm
- featuring Kathy Tracy |
| 14 | Thursday SCQG meeting - 6:30 pm |
| 16 | Saturday Zoom workshop - 9am to noon
- Beth Helfter: Intro to Accordion Half-Square Triangles |



November

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| TBA | SCQG Zoom gathering featuring Linda Wolf, date and time TBA |
| 11 | Thursday SCQG meeting - 6:30 pm |
| 12 | Friday workshop - 9am to 4pm
- Cindy Grisdela: Improv Intro - Blocks, Stripes, and Curves |

Membership

Happy fall! It was wonderful to see so many members at the September anniversary party! Our membership is up to 98 now. The new directory has been shared. Please send any directory corrections to Fran at fcolby615@sbcglobal.net. We're also still accepting photos for the directory if you would like to submit one.

— Kathy Elwood 708-828-4161

— Fran Colby 708-528-2028

Membership Chairs

Programs/Workshops

In September, 6 guild members participated in the Mini Mosaic workshop with Cheryl Lynch. We were introduced to the addicting process of placing little squares onto a sticky surface to create a mosaic.

October

At the October 14 in person guild meeting, we will welcome Meg Cox, a nationally known thought leader on the subjects of quilting and family traditions. Meg will deliver her lecture "Behind the Scenes at the Greatest Quilt Museum in the World" via Zoom. In this lecture we will learn about the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska.

On Saturday, October 16, nine participants are registered so far for the "Intro to Accordion Half-Square Triangles" class with Beth Helfter of Eva Paige Designs. You may still register for this Zoom class. Information and the supply list can be found here.

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November

In November, Cindy Grisdela will lecture on "Playing with Color". On Friday, she will lead us in a full day Zoom class on "Improv Intro: Blocks, Stripes, and Curves." She has recently completed taping a show for The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Timms. She writes about the experience here in her blog.



(<https://www.cindygrisdela.com/2021/08/30/taping-at-the-quilt-show/>)

January

Sue Glass will be the speaker at the January 13th meeting. She will speak on her tricks and techniques for "Prepared Edge Applique". On Saturday, January 15 we will do a Zoom School House Sewing Day. Think about all you know about quilt making and what tip, technique, or tool you could share with others. We all know how to do many things, but no one knows it all! Sharing with other guild members helps and encourages everyone and is part of the educational goals for the guild.

Workshops for February through May are planned as in-person workshops. Please check the guild website for all of the program information and how to register for classes.

Registering for classes is easy through the website and payment can be made with a credit card through PayPal or you may write a check and mail it to me, Linda Johnson. All information can be found on the website. If you have questions, you can contact me by phone or email. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of our presenters and instructors, but most of all I look forward to getting together with all of you for days of sewing and learning on Zoom and in person.

—Linda Johnson, Programs lindaellenjohnson@att.net

Community Service

Community Service has an exciting and busy year planned for 2021/2022!

We're currently working with DePaul USA and have committed to providing 18 quilts for students through the DAX Program. DePaul USA is working to end college homelessness through the DAX Program. The DAX Program assists homeless and housing insecure students at DePaul University in Chicago.

We will be able to use quilts that are college size twin (72x84). If you have a good quality quilt stored away unused in your closet, consider donating it to Community Service. We will also be able to use those unfinished quilt tops that you fell out of love with but guilt has kept them hanging around the house! Consider freeing up that closet space. Or maybe quilt blocks? Open up your sewing room, give

yourself more space and help Community Service at the same time!

And stay tuned for more fun things to come such as sew-ins and fun contests.

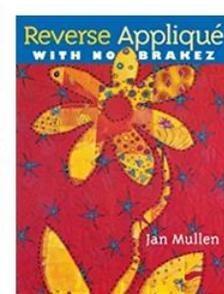
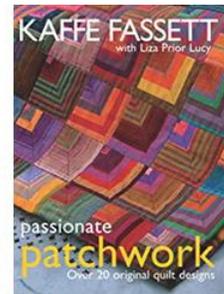
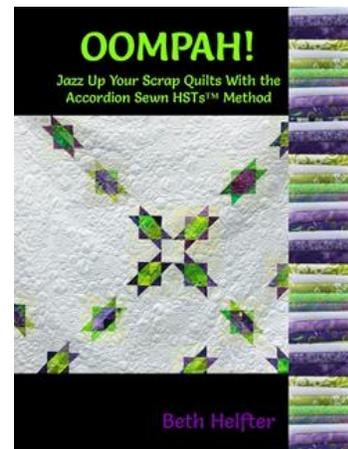
Looking forward to a great year!

—Lolly Gajda

Library

Ann bought this book by our October speaker with the instructions and patterns. It is autographed.

Debbie Wesenberg also donated some books to the library, here is a selection:



Please contact Ann if you want to borrow any of them.

—Ann Olson

40th Anniversary Celebration

Here are the letters from past presidents that Linda read at the party.

From Paula Buttel:

Hello Linda!

Back from a GREAT celebration with family and friends in Nashville ...celebrating my 75th birthday and learning I am cancer free, it has been a REMARKABLE WEEK!!

#1 Why did I decide to start a quilt guild?

Very simply, the journey began with my toddler son, Andy, and I at the old Dominicks in the Garden Market and ground beef had gone up ten cents a pound! My husband and I were newish homeowners with the usual mortgage, life expenses etc and we were a one income family since I had retired from my great job to raise our family.

At that time on Calendar Court, there was a fabric store called Katy's and because I had sewn all my life, I decided to chat with Katy...and said "Katy you need to hire me to teach quilting classes....we can put bar stools around the counter, I'll teach at night when the shop is closed and you can make a lot of money on the fabric I will sell." Of course, she said yes (we had never had a conversation before!) and I went home feeling confident this will be a success! And yes...of ALL the things I had created, I had never made a quilt or knew the first thing about quilting! I got smart fast, put together a lesson plan and women signed up! The first night of the six lesson beginning quilting I said..."Here are the samples we will be creating and I know some of you are worried because you think for a quilt to be authentic, it needs to be done completely by hand...No it does not! Put your hand work where it shows and if you want to staple the pieces together, you may (a good laugh always breaks the ice)... and you have to learn three things about the women in this class and be able to introduce each other...and we were off to a roaring good time!

Classes filled one after the other and at the end of the six week session, everyone always asked "what's next?" I developed more classes but what I was really waiting for was this....a group of enthusiastic women who when I asked...who wants to be secretary or treasurer of a group I want to start?...there they were and the guild was born! Helen came up with the name Salt Creek Quilters because the Salt Creek ran in or near the towns in which we lived.

I started this group because I saw that delicious look of "teach me more" in their eyes and I had been president of every woman's group I had ever started or belonged to because it is a privilege to serve and to launch a brilliant idea and see where it goes!

#2 Did I have a group of friends who were already quilters?

No, because the renaissance of quilting was just beginning....the "back to our roots" movement was just starting and this was the ground floor. I had also started a business out of my home of creating and selling handmade items that eventually became Design Studio with Carol King and you have probably shopped at our store in Western Springs at 917 Burlington...Design Studio! This love of fabric and creating original ideas helped fuel the SCQG.

#3 How many ladies were in the original group?

When we were laying the groundwork at my home, I'm guessing there were about 12 of us...I had a plan in my head (we would become a guild to share ideas/projects and to inspire each other...and we needed money and publicity so I knew a quilt show would be in our near future.

I contacted the LG Library for meeting space since it was the closest large space near Katy's.

Because I was a member and on the staff of the First Congregational Church of Western Springs, we moved there to accommodate our growing membership.

#4 How did you attract new members?

Working on the principle of Each one Teach one, it was easy to attract new members...friends told friends.... Whagreat programming/field trips like going to Kalona IA to shop at Sarah's / working on "A SchoolHouse of Quilts" at the old Clarke School in Western Springs / the all night sleepover/workshop at the church....my working principle has always been "let's have some fun!"

#5 What kind of programming at the first meetings? see above

Thank you Linda!!

From Joyce Robb:

Hi Linda, here are my memories from my time as president of salt creek quilt guild.

There are three memories that I have that stand out most.

The first is that Joanne Everett and I started the process of applying for a section 501 C3 status for the guild. Filling out the paperwork was quite a job and I remember it seemed very complicated at the time. But we prevailed and 501 C 3 was granted.

The second memory is that Joanne and I traveled around the area looking for a new location for our guild meetings. There were many things to consider in finding the right location. And I believe we chose the William Tell Hotel. I may have the name wrong.

The third memory is one that "cast a shadow" so to speak over the last year of my term as president. My husband retired in December 1999. We had started building a new home in Flat Rock, North Carolina that fall. We put our home in Burr Ridge on the market and sold it very quickly and of course he wanted to move right away. I told him we could not leave until after the quilt show in March. March was a very busy month with the quilt show and our impending move. It was a very exciting, busy, few weeks. Was also a

very sad time as I was leaving so many wonderful friends in Illinois.

I loved being a member of Salt Creek. It was an honor to be President. Have not found any guild anywhere else that has so much talent and so many warm friendly members.

Wish I could be there in person. 40 yrs! And I was president 20 yr. ago. Amazing.

Joyce

—Linda Kennedy and Leslie Prast, Anniversary Party Chairs

Meeting Minutes – September 2021

Minutes of September meeting

The September 9, 2021 meeting and 40th anniversary party of Salt Creek Quilt Guild was held both in person and via Zoom. Members began entering the room at 6:30. Upon entering, members were given a tag with a quilt block picture and were asked to find another member with that block. Upon matching, the members were given a 40th anniversary pin and a scissors pouch.

The room was decorated for the anniversary, and each table had a different history book for perusal. Cupcakes and drinks were provided. Red and White quilts made by members were displayed on tables.

At 7:00 the meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Montgomery. Marilyn discussed the desire of the DePaul DAX program for housing insecure students to have 18 additional quilts by January, as they are opening a third house. Last year we donated 21 quilts and pillow cases to them. Community Service will be coordinated by Leota (Lolly) Gajda. More info will be forthcoming.

There was a reminder about the fabric sale on Sept. 17 from 9-1 pm, the sew-in on Saturday, Sept 10 from 9-3, and Kathy Tracey's trunk show on October 1 at 7:00 pm. Also, Linda Kennedy has signed photos of Carole King for those whose quilts were featured in the video.

A motion by Claudia Moffat was made to elect Joan Chao to Vice President; the motion was seconded by Leota Gajda. A vote was taken and approved.

Programs were discussed by Linda Johnson. On Saturday, September 11, Cheryl Lynch will do a Zoom workshop on Mini Mosaics. The October lecture will be by Meg Cox from the International Quilt Museum, and the Zoom workshop in October will be by Beth Helfte on accordion half-square triangles. November lecture and workshop will feature Cindy Greidela. Sign-ups for the January the

retreat were able to be made at the meeting. March will feature a field trip to the Wisconsin quilt museum in Cedarburg.

For Memberships, Kathy Elwood and Fran Colby mentioned the directories would be out soon and will be electronic. If you have a photo, please email it to Kathy Elwood.

Carol Allegretti presented the Treasurer's report. We have \$12,001 in savings account and \$17,493 in checking. Total income for the summer was \$7,970, including \$4,396 from the fabric sale. Expenses of \$2,057 included insurance, life storage, Zoom and the anniversary pins. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Kathy Elwood and seconded by Arlene Forst.

The 40th Anniversary party then commenced, hosted by Linda Kennedy and Leslie Prast. Past Presidents were recognized, and some letters of memories were shared. Longest-standing members who joined in the 1980s were recognized and they did a show-and-tell of their first quilts. Arlene Forst showed some of her Quilts of Valor. Some of the past SCQG Opportunity Quilts that were either owned by members or friends and relatives were brought in to show. A drawing for a basket of fabric and goodies was won by Kathy Tracey. Then there was a show-and-tell of the Red and White quilts.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:26 by Alberta Eller and seconded by Marie Dold.

—Linda Wolf, secretary

Meeting Minutes – May 2021

Salt Creek Quilt Guild Meeting May 13, 2021

On May 13, 2021 we held our monthly meeting via Zoom. Members could socialize starting at 6:30pm and then president Marilyn Montgomery began the meeting at 7:00pm. A motion was made by Claudia Moffatt to accept the minutes of the April meeting as published in The Patch Dispatch. Motion was seconded by Sandy Brynes. The meeting had 46 members attending.

Lois Flood introduced our last presenter of the year. Lynn Vock, who has been a Salt Creek Quilt Guild member since 2011, was our presenter and will teach a workshop Saturday called Knotty Baskets. Lynn started sewing in 1968 and she's been quilting since 2000. Lynn prefers bright and cheerful colors; she likes her quilts to cheer you up. Her trunk show included college quilts for her nieces and nephews, GE Design quilts and Hoop Sisters Embroidery Quilts. Lynn also teaches at Thimbles Quilt Shop.

At 7:30, as Marilyn was switching from Speaker Spotlight mode, our Zoom meeting ended accidentally. That was the first time this guild year that we had this "glitch". It seems as if all members were able to quickly rejoin.

At 7:37, Kathy Elwood won Door Prize #1.

Community Service. Betsy Malone delivered 10 quilts and 10 pillowcases to the Constance House. They sent back a nice Thank You note. Ann Olson has donated about 10 beds to the West Suburban Humane Society. You can make a dog or cat bed and get it to Ann or Marilyn for donation. Claudia stated that the scrap filling needs to be tiny so dogs won't get hurt.

Fabric Sale. Our Fabric sale is on for June 25th and 26th. All fabric is quilt store quality and will be selling for approximately \$3.50 per yard. The Fabric sale needs 16 people as volunteers and supplies such as tables and coat racks. In June you will receive a google form to fill out if you can help.

Marilyn acknowledges Lois Flood. Since 2009, our quilt guild has been able to use Lois Flood's church for our workshops. That means Lois would make sure all the tables were set up as needed and she would unlock and lock the church. She was also available in case an issue arose. We were also able to store our supplies there. Yesterday Marilyn brought a gift certificate to Maggianos to her as a very small appreciation of all her dedication.

We are now searching for a new home for our workshops. Claudia Moffatt is spearheading our search. Claudia is available for any ideas you may have.

Bylaw change. Since our change to the ByLaws was posted in The Patch Dispatch, it was time to vote on the change. A motion was made by Barbara O'Brien to accept the changes, seconded by Anne Zick. The Ayes have the motion.

Nominations. As head of the Nomination Committee, Linda Jonson led the nominations. Betsy Malone made a motion to nominate Linda Wolf and Theresa Rodgers as Contracts/Programs co-chairs. Motion was seconded by Kathy Elwood. The Ayes have it.

Ann Olson made a motion to nominate Martha Barry as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Linda Kennedy. The Ayes have it.

Motion was made by Janet Woratschek to nominate Carol Allegretti as Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Linda Marcangelo. The Ayes have it.

There was a canvassing of the membership if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Therefore the vote was made if membership was in favor of nominated slate. The Ayes have it.

Marilyn said we are looking to fill three Committee Chair positions. Community Service, Education and Hospitality. If you fill the position you can define the position.

Marie Dold has been coordinating the library displays. If you had said you would like to help, she will be contacting you.

Membership. Our online Google form is up and running. We have 25 members that have renewed as of now. Some members have mailed their renewals in. That is fine. Member brought up that you can only select a \$40 renewal, which is higher than what subscription members pay. Carol Douglas said they are aware of the issue and they are working on it.

Kathy said Membership is in the process of completely redoing the online directory.

Treasurer. Janet showed a power point presentation of the treasurer's report from June 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. We were able to increase our bank account even though we had to cancel our Quilt Show. We started June 2020 with \$18, 629.11. We moved \$12,000 of that from checking into a savings. As of April 30, 2021 we have a total of \$23,677.48 in the bank and an additional \$2500 floating for deposits.

Kathy Elwood made a motion to accept the Treasurers report; seconded by Claudia Moffatt.

September reunion. Linda Kennedy said, depending on circumstances, maybe we could look at having the reunion at an outdoor venue.

Marilyn said there will be a strategic planning meeting June 10th at 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Contact Marilyn so she can send you the Zoom link. Marilyn would also like to keep in touch this summer with the Zoom gatherings.

Programs. Linda Johnson summarized the 2021-2022 guild programs. Programs should be up on the website soon. Lois Flood also wanted to thank Anne Michalik for her organization and willingness to help. Also, to our talented membership that helped keep Program costs down this guild year. Namely Colleen Walters, Bobbi Butler, Anne Zick, Lynn Vock and all the School Days teachers.

Door Prize #2 was won by Barbara O'Brien.

At 8:30 Joan Chao thanked us for voting on her challenge quilt that she showed in April's Show and Tell. She won! Kennette then presented our May Show and Tell. Included were Quilts of Valor by Arlene Forst and three versions of GE Designs Honey quilt by Barbara O'Brien.

Linda pulled Door Prize #3 at 8:42 which was won by Barb Morris.

Martha Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47. Motion was seconded by Lynn Vock.

—*Mary Querfurth, secretary*