

# 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

*"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual." - Henry David Thoreau*

3-2-1 GO! And just like that, the holidays are upon us. Halloween themed projects were the star of Member Showcase in October. Christmas projects will become the priority in the next few weeks. UFOs from previous years or new projects with this year's holiday fabric collections will get planned and started, maybe finished. Table runners, tree skirts, and quilts in Christmas colors and designs will make their way to our tables, sofas, and beds.

But what about the holiday between Halloween and Christmas? Thanksgiving as a holiday comes and goes rather quickly - one day, one meal, one weekend - worthy of a table runner, but not a whole quilt. Has anyone made a Thanksgiving quilt? I think every quilt is a thanksgiving quilt. Thanksgiving for the people and events - births, birthdays, weddings, and graduations. As I sew, I can be thankful for so much - working eyes and fingers, time and patience, teachers and friends. I am thankful for the charities that will get the quilt to someone who needs it. I am thankful for the people close to me who will use the quilt for a nap or a night's rest.

I am thankful for being part of this guild and for all the members who contribute to its success as leaders and participants in the programs and activities. It's fitting that our November workshop is focused on our charity projects, a way to express our gratitude and thankfulness by sharing with and doing for others. You can come to either the Open Studio (Friday, Nov.10) or the Charity Project Workshop (Saturday, Nov. 11) to learn more about

the projects and get directions and materials for completing them.

As always, the Patch Dispatch is full of information regarding guild events, workshops, and projects. You'll find opportunities to learn new skills, volunteer, make new acquaintances, and to celebrate the seasons with thankfulness.

— Linda Johnson, President

## Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of October 26, 2023. Expect updates via email blasts.

November	
9	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Rose Parr lecture (Ergonomics)
10	Friday Open Studio 9-4
11	Saturday - Community Service Day 9-4
December	
1	Check due for holiday party
14	Thursday SCQG Meeting / Holiday Party - 7pm

**The Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside**

## News and Announcements

### Fabric Sale - Heads Up!

We're planning a fabric sale this spring. We have lots of fabric donated from estates and we're planning another fabric donation contest to let members thin and refresh our stashes.

The fabric donation contest we plan to run from January through March. Details will be published in the December newsletter. April will be for organizing the fabric; we'll pick a weekend in May for the garage sale.

This will be fun!

— Marilyn Montgomery and Barbara O'Brien

## Pressing Matters – Sign up for the "Iron" Quilter Competition

We need team players! Sign up to be on a team in the Iron Quilter Competition scheduled for February 10th. 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 November 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

## Hospitality

Thank-you to our members who brought treats to the October meeting! Everyone appreciates that "little extra" to have with our coffee! For the November meeting, please bring treats if your last name begins with F or G. Treats are welcome from anyone if you have been busy trying out new recipes or just missed your turn in September or October.

Don't forget to buy your ticket at the November meeting for the Salt Creek Quilters Guild holiday party. It will be held on December 14, at 7 PM, in the Rotary Room. This is our regular meeting time, but we will be celebrating the season with pizza, salad, pop, dessert and a very special silent auction to benefit the Constance Morris House. Tickets are available at the November meeting for \$15, or you

may contact Fran Colby or send me a check for your ticket by December 1st.

Don't forget to be thinking of the great ideas for the silent auction. Handmade items or baked goods would be excellent. We would like to encourage everyone who attends to contribute to the silent auction and support the Constance Morris House.

Here are a few ideas:

- small wall hanging
- table runner
- cloth napkin sets
- small themed basket donated by a group
- add your handmade ornaments or mug rugs to baskets which will be auctioned
- bring fat quarters to add to a basket for auction
- baked goods that people could buy and use at their holiday festivities, such as cookies
- or a coffee cake which could be frozen until needed
- homemade candy packaged attractively to be served or used as a gift

If you would like to donate directly to Constance Morris House, there will be a collection box at the November meeting and at the holiday party.

Also, during the party, we will have our monthly show and tell. You can showcase a holiday item or anything else you have to share.

Looking forward to seeing you at the November meeting and the holiday party!

-- Fran Colby, Hospitality

## Community Service

### Community Service Day is fast approaching!

We will be meeting Saturday, November 11th at the Township of Lyons building, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside from 9:00 to 4:00.

We will be making needed items for Dr Becky's upcoming medical mission trip in January 2024. We will be focusing on making drawstring fabric medicine bags and eyeglass cases. If you have some clean T-shirts, bring those along too. T-shirts

are cut into squares and used in the treatment of eye irritations (to bathe and cleanse the eyes).

There will be kits available for the items -in fabric, batting, and instructions. A sewing machine will be necessary for the assembly.

We also continue to seek donations of quilts for the DePaul DAX students. There are six new students this year that we would like to provide with quilts. We are currently halfway there! We ask that the quilts be 72 x 84.

Hope to see you November 11<sup>th</sup>!

-- Lolly Gajda

## Library

I have deleted quite a few books and will bring over 20 books to the quilt guild meeting in November. Most are copyright 1987 - 1999, 8 + are 2000 - 2011 and some of those are damaged. I will sell at the meeting, and take any hardbacks that do not sell, to Half Price Books to see if they will buy them.

Thanks to Kathy T, Linda J and Arlene F for helping with the decision of which books to discard.

If you have a book you'd like me to buy for the quilt guild library, please call or email me. If you want to check out a book, please let me know and I will have it for you at the meeting - or you can check the spreadsheet at the meeting or I can check it, to decide if there is a book you would want to see.

--- Ann Olson



## October Workshop Recap

Dana Jones led us in Caohagan Island style free-hand cutting of shapes without using rulers. It was a bit out of our comfort zone but we had fun perusing our communal stash for just the right color fabrics for our masterpieces. Here are some photos from the workshop including some of our works-in-progress as we auditioned fabrics.



## 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.

### NOVEMBER

**November 9, 2023 Thursday**  
**Rose Parr (Canada) Lecture 7:00 pm**  
<https://www.healthyquilting.com>

#### **“Sew Smart – The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting”**

Quilting can be a real pain in the neck, so can cutting, pressing, and handiwork! How high should your cutting table be? How about your ironing board, your sewing chair, or your sewing table? Be ready to



learn about: the ergonomics of sewing, pressing, cutting, and handiwork. Her stretches are designed for quilters' trouble spots including text/quilters neck, tight shoulders, lower backache, carpal tunnel syndrome prevention, and they can all be done right in your sewing room. Plus lots of other tips so we can sew smart to sew long!

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

**November 11, 2023 Saturday**  
**Workshop 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

#### **Community Service Day**

Join us in making medical mission items. Feel good!

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





**Note different location!**

At TLD in Westmont, [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.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](#)

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 under News and Announcements

**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.

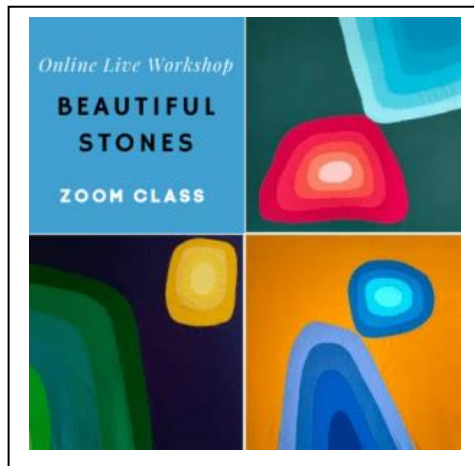
**March 16, 2024 Saturday  
Carolina Oneto (Brazil)**

[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 Minutes Oct. 12, 2023**

We were welcomed by President Linda Johnson. Visitors were welcomed, including the Village Quilters and their lovely raffle quilt.

Meeting began at 7pm

2 new members

North Riverside Quilt Guild has its 2 Christmas quilts and are selling raffle tickets.

Approval of September minutes – Martha Barry

**Treasurers report** – Carol Allegretti - Some members still need to pick up refund money from the Shipshewana trip. See Attached report. Report was accepted.

*September 2023:  
Balances as of 9/29/2023*

<b>Treasurer’s report:</b>	<u>Balance</u>
Savings:	\$12,003.83
Checking Account	\$25,634.36
August Bus Trip	\$171.64
<u>Income</u>	
Membership	\$158.50
Programs	\$740.00
Garage Sale	<u>\$186.70</u>
	\$1,085.20
<u>Expenses</u>	
Storage locker	\$ 71.00
Rent for Hinsdale Community House – 1 <sup>st</sup> installment	\$1,663.00
Speaker: Lecture, Program And Travel	\$1,234.52
Speaker Hotel	\$179.19
Speaker Meals	<u>\$ 72.06</u>
	\$3,219.77

**Membership** – De Ann Ellis and Jo Murphy - Diane is new member – Karen W is guest. 36 people are present at the meeting with 17 on Zoom

**Community Service** – Lolly Gajda - She was contacted by DAX. They are opening a new spot, Holy Innocents, and need 6 quilts. They prefer queen size, 70” x 84”. Community Service project instructions can be picked up from Lolly at Open Studio on Friday, November 10, or the Community Service workshop on Saturday, November 11.

**Library** – There are some free books that have been donated to the guild available by the Library table.

**Garage Sale** – Debbie Wesenberg has lots to buy, including a huge quilt kit for \$70.

**Hospitality** – Arlene Forst for Fran Colby - Our Holiday Party will be on 12/14 at 7pm. Pizza, pop, salad and a dessert for \$15.00 is planned. Come to relax and socialize. Asking everyone to bring something for a silent auction – Basket, small hangings, baked goods, etc. Monies will go to a charity. 12/1 is the deadline to pay and register.

**Retreat** – Claudia Moffit - 18 have signed up so far. Dates are Friday 1/26 - Sunday 1/28. Costs per person are \$220 for double, \$295 for single, or \$160 for a commuter. The cost includes 5 meals.

Sally Burke did displays at the Westchester and Hinsdale libraries. Linda Johnson did a display at Indian Prairie. We are still looking for someone to handle the organizing and implementation of this outreach project.

**Programs** – Joan Chao - October –There is still room in the October Dana Jones workshop. November – Rose Parr (Canada) will be our guest lecturer on ZOOM –The guild will meet as we always do at the Community House



and will listen to the lecture via the Zoom connection. Friday, November 10 will be Open Studio and Saturday, November 11 is a workshop for Community Service. January –Tina Hilton will lecture on wax-resist dyeing by ZOOM. The January workshop will be held on Friday, January 12 and repeated on Saturday, January 13. It will be lead by Tammy L. Deck at TLD in Westmont, 26 E Quincy St, Westmont (maximum # of students per class is 6).

You must register by January 4. February –Saturday, February 10 – We will hold the Iron Quilter Competition. Everyone will get fabric and instructions in January. March – Julie Silber “Mark My words: Textile and Text” lecture on Zoom. Friday, February 9 will be Open Studio. The Saturday, February 10 workshop with Carolina Oneto “Beautiful Stones” focuses on learning to sew curves. The instructor will be on Zoom, but participants will gather at the room in the Lyons Township building.

#### **BOARD ISSUES –**

1. We are looking for a new storage space as the rate at the current place has significantly increased.

2. There is a committee to investigate a future quilt show. The committee will gather information, evaluate, etc. If you want to help, or offer suggestions contact Linda Johnson. 3. We are researching the best way to continue to archive the events and history of the guild. There are a lot of records and documents in the storage. Decisions have to be made about what should/should not be kept. Going forward, we will keep digital archives of guild events, newsletters, and pictures. Please take pictures when you are at guild activities and send to [scqg@gmail.com](mailto:scqg@gmail.com)

4. Please send any pictures of your quilts from the “In the Kitchen Quilt” from September to [scqg@gmail.com](mailto:scqg@gmail.com). Joan Chao has created a binder organized with photos from last year.

5. Lisa Odom volunteered to manage the guild facebook page and will work with Marilyn Montgomery, the administrator of the page.

—*Ann Olson, Linda Johnson and Carol Allegretti*