

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

It Seems to Me...

Coming out of the pandemic, we're finding a new normal. That's what I'd say is the theme for this past year. As a guild, we've gotten comfortable with in-

person and zoom hybrid meetings. As a guild, we've tried new things, such as making Sew Powerful purses and quilts for Cecilia House, Pizza Night, creating a Pets and Patchwork calendar, and a field trip to Wisconsin. As a guild, we've hosted Open Studios, a book club evening, and most recently put on a different kind of quilt show with a live auction. We've learned what works and what doesn't. As we keep some traditional events and drop others, the key is to be open to trying new things. We're quilters. We adapt and make do with what life throws at us.

Having said all that, I feel privileged to have been part of finding this new normal as President of the guild. I want to thank all of the Board members and committee chairs who made it happen. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Linda Kennedy and Sandy Migitz for rising to the challenge of organizing a spectacular new quilt show in a new venue. As I have gotten to know many more of you, I have been inspired by your creativity and dedication. I am excited to see what the new Board has in store for our guild next year.

Speaking of inspiration, summer is a great time to be inspired. Seeing new things, whether locally or far away, generates ideas for quilts to be made 'someday'. It could be architecture, a person, a mountain landscape, a seashell or even a color palette in Shipshewana. Hope you find inspiration as you enjoy your summer! Stitch on!

— Joan Chao, President

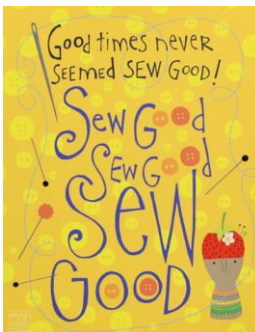
Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of April 30, 2023. Expect updates via email blasts.

May	
4	Board meeting - 7pm
5	Zoom Gathering - 10am - Kim Siwinski trunk show
5	Member showcase deadline for Zoom participants - send photos to Barb Mellens
11	Thursday meeting - 6:30 - Quilt Extravaganza
12	Friday Open Studio - 9-3
13	Saturday workshop - Bobbie Butler mystery quilt
Summer	
August 10	Shipshewana Road Trip - leaves Community House 7am

The Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside

Member Showcase Extravaganza



If you recognize these modified lyrics, you know it's an Oldie But Goodie. 'Sweet Caroline' by Neil Diamond was released in 1969. Our Member Showcase Extravaganza at our May meeting will feature YOUR Oldies But Goodies which are the

quilts that are your favorites – ones that make you feel sew good, sew good, sew good!

Bring your favorite quilts (as many as you want, within reason) to present at our special Member Showcase. You get bonus points if it's a project based on a SCQG workshop. The quilts can be old or new. We will have a longer break time so others can get a closer look at your quilts. It's an extension of our Celebration of Quilts!

—Joan Chao

Hospitality

Food is back! For the first time since COVID, we will have goodies at our Guild meeting! Thank you to the board members and the hospitality committee for contributing the food for this

meeting. We will have so much fun socializing over a cookie with our coffee! See you there!!

—Fran Colby, Hospitality Committee

Gatherings – Studios - Forums

First Friday Gatherings

On Friday, May 5 we will hold our Zoom gathering at 10:00 am. Kim Siwinski will present a trunk show of her quilting experiences. We will discuss our sewing and quilting related plans for the summer. Watch for a link to the Zoom in your email.

Open Studios

Open Studio on Friday, May 12 has no planned program, but will be a time for you to work on your own projects. Maybe you started something in a class this year that just needs a little more concentrated bit of time to be finished. Maybe you have some mindless sewing to do and want some company while you do it. Doors open at 8:30 for set-up and we usually work 'til around 3:00. Come when you can, leave when you must. Bring your own lunch or go to one of the nearby spots to pick something up when we break for lunch.

—Linda Johnson

Programs & Workshops

May

We will not have a speaker in May but will be doing a quilt extravaganza. ([See Joan's article above](#))

The workshop in May will be a mystery quilt. Have you ever done one? This should be fun with our own Bobbie Butler.

There are 20 blocks in the quilt. Bobbie chose to make the quilt out of scraps using 4 colors, or you can use 20 fabrics; whatever you choose. Each block will have 2 fabrics to contrast; one a medium/dark and one a light. The instructions are posted on the Salt Creek website.

--Theresa Rodgers and Linda Wolf, Programs co-chairs

Membership

Only one more month left this year, please submit your membership renewal for next year (attached to newsletter) and payment by mail, on the website or at the guild meeting! Thanks!

— *DeAnn Ellis*

Shipshewana Road Trip

Our bus is nearly loaded for Shipshewana, Thursday August 10th. I have 2 unpaid seats ready for the next 2 people who want to hop aboard. There will be a few surprises that even I don't know about yet, so plan on having some fun and a great shopping experience. The cost of \$110 for the trip, which includes a full Amish meal at an Amish Carriage House.

If you have any questions, I will be at the May meeting to take the money for the sign up. There will also be a sign up for a waiting list. One never knows what can happen between now and August.

— *Arlene Forst*

Library

Thanks to everyone for help this year. I will do inventory this summer if someone can help. I do have one volunteer, Kathy Tracey. The Inventory will be one day during the summer - will take an hour or 2 depending on help. I think maybe on a Wednesday or Friday in May or June?? Please let me know if you can help - I can change the day and time so it is convenient for me and you.

No new books this month but I do have a paper copy of a listing of all of the books in the collection. (Thanks again to DeAnn we will have sorted by author and subject) I will bring it to the meeting and you can look at it. Any book checked out in May does not need to be returned till September. A few people have library books and please let me know if you want to renew and keep till Sept. or please return to the May meeting or to my house. Thanks

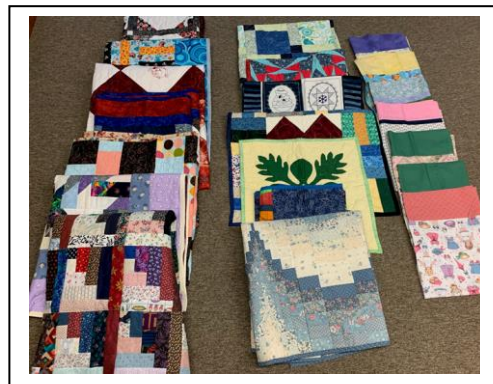
— *Ann Olson*

Community Service

Constance Morris House

The remaining completed Community Service Quilts and pillowcases were delivered to the Constance

Morris House. Kits to be completed will be available at the May meeting. Please consider doing one over the summer. You are welcome to donate quilt tops and completed quilts to Community Service.



— *Marilyn Montgomery*

Pet Beds

Thanks to Arlene for the dog bed at the last meeting. Thanks Jana M for the fabric scraps at the quilt show. There will be a plant sale fund-raiser for W Suburban Humane Society, May 12 (noon-), and May 13. I plan to go to the sale and will take the bed, any small kennel quilts - can be a towel, pillowcase, tiny quilt for a cat - on one of those days. You can bring to the May meeting or to my house - or take yourself to any shelter, rescue, that you prefer. Thanks

— *Ann Olson*

News and Announcements

Pizza Dough

Hope everyone had fun at Lou Malnati's Pizza Night in March! In addition to enjoying a meal with friends and family, your dining choices helped our guild. Lou Malnati's donated \$328.79 to our guild based on 20% of pre-tax sales. Thank you Sandy Taylor for organizing this fundraiser!

— *Joan Chao*

Quilt Shows & Exhibits

Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild is having a quilt show at Judson University in Elgin, Illinois on **May 20-21**.

A Celebration of Quilts

We did it! We planned and executed a quilt show in seven months. There were many unknowns going in, but it all came together, and the result was better than we could have imagined. The display of quilts in the sanctuary was breathtaking.

Nothing like this happens without the involvement and hard work of many individuals. A big thank you goes out to the following individuals.

- Admissions - Sandy Byrnes
- Bake Sale - Sara Hochhauser
- Banker - Carol Allegretti
- Data Entry - Debbie Wesenberg, Linda Johnson
- Entries - Lois Dick
- Graphic Design - Kim Siwinski
- Layout - Barbara O'Brien
- Memorial Exhibit - Leslie Prast, Janet Woratschek
- Merchants - Leslie Prast
- Printing - DeAnn Ellis
- Publicity - Marilyn Montgomery
- Raffle Baskets - Handmaidens Bee
- Set Up - Martha Barry
- Signage - Linda Kennedy
- Special Exhibits - Kathy Elwood, Louise Graff
- Volunteers - Linda Kennedy

Thanks also goes out to the Riverwalk Quilt Guild for letting us borrow their outdoor signs. I hope you had a chance to see the large yellow flags on both Garfield and Third Streets. Lastly, thank you to the members who supported the guild by selling admission tickets and working the show.

The show proved to be a financial success. The 40 Raffle Baskets and Bake Sale did a booming business. The vendor income from booth rental nearly covered the cost of the church rental. We had an excellent turnout of guests purchasing tickets both before and during the show. Carol

Allegretti will present a financial report at the May meeting.

Now it's time to relax and get back to doing what we love, Making Quilts!

— Linda Kennedy, *Celebration Chair*

Quilt Auction

If you missed the auction, you missed a show. Matt Hart, the auctioneer, was entertaining, the quilts were beautiful, and the participants were there to have fun, lend their support, and hopefully take home a quilt to cherish.

The quilts and items displayed had a life of their own. More than one guest remarked that walking into the room was like attending a second quilt show.

The auction would not have happened without the contributions of the following members: Ann Olson, Anne Zick, Arlene Forst, Barb Mellens, Barbara Jurgenson, Barbara O'Brien, Becky Preston, Carol Allegretti, Claudia Moffat, DeAnn Ellis, Debbie Wesenberg, Denise Havlan, Eileen Rann, Fran Colby, Frank Karls, Jana McIlroy, Jeanne Federico, Joan Chao, Joanne Everett, Julie Laney, Kathy Tracy, Kim Siwinski, Leota Gajda, Linda Dishman, Linda Johnson, Linda Kennedy, Linda Wolf, Lisa Odom, Lois Dick, Louise Graff, Marilyn Montgomery, Martha Barry, Rebecca Huebler, Sally Burke, Sandy Migitz, and Susan Jones. Other contributors include former members: Jannell Buscemi, Kim Lacosse, Muirl Bronsteader, and Sandy Orrico. And quilts were received from friends Anita Marsh, Joyce Love, and Julie Gliwa along with several anonymous donations.

Many of you also took the time to set-up, welcome guests, take down quilts, sort them, hold them during the auction, and help with check out. I especially want to mention the husbands: John (Claudia Moffat), Jeff (Joan Chao) and Bob (Sandy Migitz) who did the heavy lifting and pitched in where needed.

Saying thank you to the above groups seems insignificant to the amount of time and effort that

you shared to make this auction a success, but my appreciation and thanks are all I have to offer.

The financial details are in progress as proxy winners are taking delivery of their quilts this week. Final numbers will be available at the May meeting.

— Sandy Migitz

[See the last pages of this newsletter for some pictures from the show and auction](#)

Meeting Minutes

SCQG Meeting Minutes April 13, 2023

We were welcomed by President Joan Chao for the meeting before the "Big Show". Visitors were welcomed, including Faithful Circle guild and their quilt. "Snow in September" which has been juried into the Paducah and Houston quilts shows.

One guest: Lynn Schmitt and Zoomers

Recognitions: Our Tech team without whom we couldn't function as well as we do.

Congratulations to Anne Zick, whose quilt, "A Tribute to Lucy" was accepted at the AQS Show in Paducah in the Wall Hand Quilted category.

Pizza night report by Sandy Taylor (in costume): \$328.79. A big thank you to all who ate pizza.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved

Treasurer: Carol Allegretti – treasurer's report was approved

Membership: Jo Murphy reported 101 members of the guild, 52 present, 1 new member and 3 guests. Nine members were on Zoom. We were reminded to pick up membership forms and turn them in with a \$50.00 check or via Zelle. Deadline is May 31st. Please remember to indicate areas for volunteering.

Nominations:

- Vice president: Linda Wolf
- Contracts/Program: Sally Burke and Marilyn Montgomery
- Secretary: Eileen Rann
- Treasurer: Carol Allegretti

Open Studio: Friday, 4/14/2023, 8:30-3:00, Anne Zick will present at 10:00, English Paper Piecing. Bring a needle, thread, paper and scissors.

Workshop: There are a couple of spaces available for the Saturday workshop.

Lynn Schmitt: A Different Box of Crayons, local quilt shop owner and pattern designer, provided lecture on "Using alternative fabrics in quilts." She talked about the different fabrics she uses in quilts, reminding us to let the fabric talk to determine how to quilt the piece. We were reminded to "Have fun—more is better". There are 5 options for color ways in the kits.

Workshop: May 13, 2023 Saturday

A Mystery Quilt led by Bobbi Butler. The supply list is on the website. It can be scrappy. Bobbi used a white background.

May meeting:

- A member showcase extravaganza.
- Refreshments provided by the Board
- Elections will be held
- Review of next year's programs and workshops
- Our year in review.
- Bring your favorite quilt or quilts you have completed after taking a workshop.

Field trip: to Shipshewana, IN, 24 slots available, 8/10/2023 from 7AM to 7PM. Lunch on your own, Supper at an Amish farm. Cost \$110

Celebration of Quilts: Hinsdale Union Church

Lots of wonderful baskets thanks to all who participated
Publicity: Western Springs Neighbor, LaGrange Living, Hinsdalian

Library displays at the Hinsdale and Western Springs
Posters in store windows and any place you can put up a poster. We have posters.

Linda Kennedy reminded us there was still time to promote the show and sell more tickets.

Marilyn Montgomery reminded us to keep the show in the public eye online.

Lois Dick: drop off for our quilts is 9:45, Pick up your quilt tags from her.

Volunteers are needed, please sign up to help with set-up, hostess, take-down.

Sandy Byrnes: only 34 members did not turn in ticket monies. There is a will-call.

Sara Hochhauser: Bake sale: please Bake, Bake, Bake so we don't run out of goodies

Sandy Migitz: Auction, we have 81 items, 79 quilts and 2 quilted items

Door prizes: Barb Keller and Pat Ciszewski

Program: "Using Alternative Fiber and the Journey to get there" Lynn Schmitt was terrific.

Membership Showcase

— Martha Barry

A CELEBRATION OF QUILTS

