

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

"One thing I know for sure; there are no rules in quilting. And if you think there are, then it's time you try breaking a few." — Dana Bolyard (quilt designer)

Hurray! We are almost through the winter and hopefully signs of spring will keep emerging without being squashed by snow and ice. Signs of spring in the guild include a fabric sale, Lou Malnatti's pizza night, exciting speakers and workshops, school house, and planning for another guild quilt show in Spring, 2025. While as a guild we get together monthly to learn from a speaker in a lecture or an instructor in a workshop, getting together in other guild activities is a way of enjoying the social aspects of how quilts and fabric can bring us together in friendship and support of each other. I hope we can all plan to participate in some, if not all, of the activities that are being planned by sister guild members.

As we continue to work towards gaining new members, the board is also addressing some of the financial challenges that come with operating a non-profit organization. While we want to continue the traditions and activities so established in the guild, we are also looking at what changes can be made to keep the guild in good financial standing for the future. We've heard some suggestions from some members and welcome everyone's comments. Please be patient as the board weighs the pros and cons of any change and how that change affects the operation of the whole guild.

In February, we saw how great new things can be as we hosted our first Iron Quilter's competition. It was a fun day for all who came - competitors and spectators alike. Thank you, Joan Chao, for your

planning and determination to make the event happen. Who's ready to do it again next year?

— Linda Johnson, President

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of February 28, 2024. Expect updates via email blasts.

March	
14	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Textiles & text
15	Friday Open Studio
16	Saturday workshop - Beautiful Stones - ZOOM ONLY
26	Lou Malnati Pizza Fundraiser
April	
5-6	Rescheduled January workshops
11	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Sustainable quilting
12	Fabric sorting for sale
13	Saturday workshop - All are welcome here (at Lyons Twp)
18	Set up Fabric Sale (volunteers in afternoon)
19	Fabric Sale 9-1
20	Fabric Sale 9-1; half-price sale 3-5

Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside

News & Announcements

March Show & Tell – Quilts that Speak to Us

Putting the "Text" in Textiles

Our speaker in March will be Julie Silber, who will be talking about quilts with words. We invite you to bring in your quilts with words on the front to display at a bonus Member Showcase at the March meeting.

March Workshop is Zoom Only

Due to a conflict with a township event, we will NOT meet at Lyons Township Admin Building for our workshop on March 16th. **Our workshop on March 16 will be on ZOOM ONLY.** Participants will receive a zoom link from the instructor, Carolina Oneto, prior to the workshop. You will login on your home computer to join the class.

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Sandy Taylor announced at our last meeting that Tuesday March 26th will be our Lou Malnati's Pizza Night at the Western Springs, Oakbrook Terrace and Oak Park locations. S.C.Q.G. will receive 20% of our group sale (including dine-in and carry-out.).

More information will be coming via email and on our Facebook page.



Wax-Resist Dyeing Workshop Rescheduled

We had to cancel the January workshops due to inclement weather. We are rescheduling the wax-resist batik workshops for Friday and Saturday April 5-6 from 9:00 – 1:-00. The workshops will be held at TLD Designs in Westmont.



Second Helping of Our "In the Kitchen Challenge" in May

By popular demand, we will have a second showing of the quilts from our "In the Kitchen Challenge" that were first shown at our September meeting. So if you made a quilt for that challenge, please bring it to the May meeting.

Schoolhouse at May Open Studio

We're planning a schoolhouse at our May Open Studio on May 10. Our popular Schoolhouse event is where our own members volunteer to teach a technique or demo a project to other members in a 20-minute timeframe. We will have 4 or 5 presentations staggered throughout the day. Members can attend presentations that interest them between working on their own projects at Open Studio.

We are looking for volunteers to teach a session. If you would like to share your knowledge with us, please contact Joan Chao with a short description of your topic. We will print a list of offerings in the April and May newsletters.

--Joan Chao

Hospitality

Thank-you to members who brought a wonderful variety of delicious treats for our February (Valentine) treats table. Linda R and I heard so many positive comments about the cookies, candies, breads, etc. on the table!

For the March treats table, members with last names N through R will be asked to bring in the treats. If you can't attend the meeting, just bring yours to the next meeting you attend. If you get ambitious to bake and can't have those baked goods hanging around calling your name, just bring them to your fellow quilters!

And a special thank-you to hospitality committee members Martha Barry and Dawn Thanos for covering all hospitality responsibilities for me in March!

-- Fran Colby, Hospitality

Fabric Sale Update

Fabric is rolling in for the contest! For your donations, just separate the scraps – which are less than ¼ yard – from the fabric that is larger than ¼ yard.

I (Marilyn) will accept fabric at the March meeting. If you have a lot, we can exchange it in the parking lot. The meeting is the last day for the donation contest. No donation is too small.

We are including a picture of the types of boxes that we need for the sale day. Primarily the boxes are 4-8" tall. Costco produce boxes are ideal. We will be sending out a survey for volunteer times, tables, sheets and more before the March meeting.

Here are some important dates.

- April 12 afternoon - arrange fabric in boxes for the sale.
- April 18 afternoon - set up the sale
- April 19 9-1 sale
- April 20 9-1 sale, - break - , 3-5 ½ price sale

This was fun last time and was a great way for us to make money.

Please pass the poster to your other quilting friends.

--Marilyn Montgomery and Barbara O'Brien



Community Service

Community Service updates:

Many thanks to Linda Wolf for delivering 6 quilts to Stacey Braham, our DAX representative, on February 12th for the DAX students. Stacey reported that the students love our donated quilts. The students admire the beauty and skilled workmanship of our quilts! Well done, Salt Creek!

In April, more students might be entering the DAX program and there might be a need for more quilts. We will keep you posted. If thinking of donating a quilt for a DAX student, the desired size is 72"x 84" for a twin bed is most needed.

Also, it won't be long now before Dr Becky will be traveling off on her medical mission trip in early March. Dr Becky says she has been well supplied with the necessary items that will be most helpful for their clients. She says she is so well supplied that her luggage weight has almost reached its limit. We wish you well, Dr Becky!

-- Lolly Gajda

Pet Beds & Kennel Quilts:

I took 5 pet beds to W Suburban Humane Society in January. Thanks Martha Barry and Marilyn Montgomery.

If you want to make a pet bed: For cats and tiny dogs the size is 16x18 inches finished. For medium dogs 18x18 finished, large dogs 22x22 or 24x24 finished (this information came from Frankie Caruso, a former member). I have made some smaller ones for cats.

FYI- A lot of people use pillowcases and put the fabric scraps from their quilting inside and sew up - more of a dog bed. If I have a large piece of fabric, I fold it in half. Some of the fabric I use is not 100% cotton. This is a good use of small pieces of fabric and batting also or old sheets, towels.

Thanks to Jana McIlroy and the Iron quilters groups for the fabric scraps. I have some pillowcases. Hope to get to a shelter in March.

— Ann Olson

Library

I took a box of books to La Grange public library and one to Brookfield library. The instructions say that the library will only take one box or bag at a time. To the meeting, I plan to bring books again, for free, removed from the guild library collection. Phone or email me, if you want a certain book. The spreadsheet is on Facebook and the guild's website and I will bring a paper copy with me to the meeting. Thanks to Kathy Tracey for helping me to bring the books from and back to my car and to help with displaying them on the table.

— 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.

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](#)

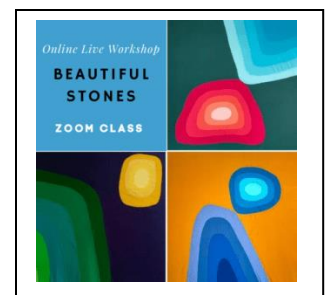
Workshop 9:00am to 4:00 pm via zoom

“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

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 chair

Meeting Minutes

Salt Creek Meeting February 8, 2024

The meeting began as Joan Chao introduced our speaker, Brenda Gael Smith, and her program “Driven to Abstraction” with her nature-inspired works and beautiful hand-dyed fabrics. She showed her unique beautiful landscape studies and small quilts.

Door Prize - Ann Olson won a gift card.

January minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Carol presented the Treasurer’s Report noting that there were fraudulent charges on our debit card which she resolved. The money was restored to the account. Carol referenced the Tower Chorale program ad for S.C.Q.G. and encouraged members to promote our Guild. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted.

Salt Creek Quilters Guild	
Financial Summary for the month of January 2024	
Savings Account	
Beginning Balance 1/1/24	\$ 12,004.14
Interest	\$ 0.11
Ending Balance 1/31/24	\$ 12,004.25
Checking Account	
Beginning Balance 1/1/24	\$ 24,532.54
Income	407.25
Expenses	(1,193.63)
Ending Balance 1/31/24	\$ 23,746.16
Retreat: January 2024	
	\$ 5,940.00
Refunds: January	(530.00)
	\$ 5,410.00
Income	
Programs: Meeting	370.00
Garage Sale	37.25
	407.25
Expenses	
Banking fee: Deluxe checks	\$ 137.14
Purchase: Projection system	429.99
Programs: Speaker fee \$250, shipping samples \$51.63	301.63
Shipping fee, return samples	51.63
Programs: Workshop fee refund	30.00
Advertisement in Choral Group Program	55.00
Storage locker December 2023	73.64
Storage locker January 2024	86.00
****Fraudulent charges to Debit Card****	28.60
	\$ 1,193.63

Pizza Night: Sandy Taylor announced that Tues. MAR. 26TH will be our Lou Malnati’s Pizza Night at the Western Springs, Oakbrook Terrace and Oak Park locations. S.C.Q.G. will receive 20% of our group sale (including dine-in and carry-out.)

Fabric Sale: Barbara O’Brien announced that the fabric donation contest ends Mar. 15th. A sorting date will be Apr. 12th with the sale on Apr. 19th and 20th from 9-1p.m. All cotton fabric is welcome, (minimum ¼ yard.) 100 lbs. has been collected thus far.

Membership: There are a total of 89 members-38 at the meeting and 10 On Zoom.

(2 new members were announced 1 in person and 1 remote)

Hinsdale Community House - We have reserved a table on Apr. 16th in order to highlight our Guild and possibly attract new members. The event is from 9am-noon.

Community Service: Lolly announced that 6 Dax Quilts will be delivered on Mon. Feb. 12th.

Programs: Programs- Joan Chao reminded everyone that the Jan. workshop was rescheduled for April 5th and 6th. Please contact her if unable to attend.

Sat.,Feb.10th is the Iron Quilters Competition. Three teams will participate and spectators are encouraged. It will be a 2 hour contest.

March: Vintage Quilts with words- Members are asked to bring quilts with words for the members Showcase. The March workshop will be on Zoom only. Members will Zoom from their homes not at Lyons Township.

April: Sustainability- The workshop (via Zoom) will focus on how to use orphan blocks. Possible Schoolhouse Days in April at the Open Studio (Fri. following the S.C.Q.G. meeting.) Members are encouraged to plan a 20 min. presentation to teach new techniques.

May: A Second Helping of the “In The Kitchen” quilts is planned with some members asked to make recipes from quilter’s books. Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wessenberg will present a program and workshop on Ruler Work.

Quilt Show Survey: Linda Wolf noted that there were 54 responses to the survey. The consensus was that we need to have a Quilt Show for fundraising etc. A Challenge Quilt was suggested and another Auction as well. Based on the survey, the church was a good venue and members were willing to work on the show.

A possible Quilt Show at Union Church in the spring of 2025 was suggested. Barb O’Brien will be its Chair.

Door Prize- Anne Michalik

Linda Johnson suggested that we explore options regarding the time and day and venue for S.C.Q.G meetings. All meetings will be held in the Rotary Room through May of this year. (we save \$75 per month)

Members Showcase- Linda Johnson reminded members to bring in Quilts with Words to our March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05p.m.

— Eileen Rann

Iron Quilter Recap – An ImPRESSive Event

12 quilters, 30 fat quarters, 2 hours, 16 spectators, and lots of donuts resulted in 3 spectacular quilt tops! Team spirit was on display from the start with custom team hats, embroidered team aprons and laminated placards with team instructions. Each team came well-prepared with designs in mind and strategies to finish them in the allotted time. Best Use of Bargello Award went to Quilt Divas: DeAnn Ellis, Carla Burdock, Sara Hochhauser and Kim Siwinski. Best Use of Applique Award went to Bar Belles: Marilyn Montgomery, Linda Johnson, Linda Kennedy and Louise Graff. Best Use of Stripes Award went to Fe: Carol Allegretti, Sharon Bell, Mary Calzada and Gail Henneghan. The Viewers' Choice Award was bestowed upon the Bar Belles. All team members received a participation badge, fabric rose and a miniature rubber ducky. Spectators received swag of a fat quarter wrapped around a pencil with a quilting saying. Everyone had Sew Much Fun! Special thanks to:

Announcer	Claudia Moffatt
Countdown Timer Tech	Linda Johnson
Cheerleaders	Lisa Odom, Jo Murphy
Award Certificate Calligraphy	Joanne Everett
Camera Person	Jeff Kelterborn
Participation Badges	Jeanne Federico
Fabric Roses	Joan Chao
Pillow Providers	Marilyn Montgomery, Theresa Rodgers, Kim Siwinski
Rubber Ducky Provider	Lisa Odom
Backup tripods	Ellen Hohmann, Ann Olson

