

SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

November 2021

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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.

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

Meeting back in Kettering Hall was like seeing an old friend with a new haircut. It's the same person with a new look. We are using round tables and continuing with

small ice breakers to encourage opportunities to visit with more people.

The Garage Sale is back, this time with raffle baskets. Pictures of the November baskets can be found in the next few pages. Community Service is full steam ahead with our De Paul quilts. The October and November Programs were great and be sure to check out the varied and super opportunities to learn something new in Programs. After Meg Cox's lecture about the International Quilt Museum, I knew I would make it a priority to go there.

Remember that our December Holiday Party and our January meeting will be Zoom only. Furthermore, we have seven new members to share all the good stuff that we do. Please introduce yourself and help to make them feel welcome. We would like to extend a sincere thanks for your cooperation with mask wearing. Finally, it was so awesome to see an in person Show and Tell. We are working through our technical issues and each meeting should show improvement for our Zoom attendees.

Hope to see you soon.

— *Marilyn Montgomery*

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of October 27, 2021. Expect updates via email blasts and through Marilyn's bulletins.

November	
5	SCQG Zoom gathering featuring Linda Wolf, 10am
11	Thursday SCQG meeting - 6:30 pm
12	Friday workshop - 9am to 4pm - Cindy Grisdel: Improv Intro - Blocks, Stripes, and Curves
December	
TBA	SCQG Zoom gathering, date and time TBA
11	Thursday SCQG meeting - 6:30 pm Zoom HOLIDAY PARTY

Membership

We were very happy to welcome some new members to our October meeting. Thanks to membership and hospitality committee members, we paired new members with a "buddy" at the meeting to help them meet Guild members.

Within the next couple of weeks, you should be receiving an updated directory, which will include our new members. Please contact us if you see any errors.

Also, we encourage all members to have a picture in the directory. If you do not currently have a photo with your information, please take a head shot with your cell phone and email it to Fran. This is another way that new members can begin to recognize and get to know current members.

We will be hosting a new member coffee in November.

— *Kathy Elwood* (kathyelwood@sbcglobal.net)

— *Fran Colby* (fcolby615@sbcglobal.net)

Membership Chairs

Quilt Bees

Top Ten Reasons to Join a Quilting Bee

10. Sheer fun of socializing over a love of quilting
9. Meet new people, develop lasting friendships
8. Exchange ideas, news
7. Learn something new (tips and tricks)

6. Challenge yourself
5. Work toward a common goal
4. Find creative inspiration
3. Receive feedback and recognition on your completed projects
2. Get help when you are stuck
1. Use up your stash

WannaBEE?

To provide more opportunities for members to connect in smaller groups, SCQG is continuing our quilting bees! Membership in a bee provides friendship and encouragement, along with quilting advice. These groups are casual and fun, meeting virtually until they can meet in person. Each bee will consist of 5-10 people who will determine what project they will work on and how often they will meet.

The participants stay together for the duration of the project selected and then they can decide to continue as a bee or disperse to join other bees and meet more people.

We have 4 existing bees that would welcome some new members and one new bee. Depending on your interests, you can switch to a different bee or join more than one bee. Participation is entirely voluntary. If you are interested in joining a bee, watch for a Participant Form that we will be sending out in November. (If you are already in a bee, you do not have to fill out the form unless you would like to join a different bee.) We'll let you know how it all shakes out in December.

Postcard Bee. Members learn how to create fabric postcards, make them and then mail them.

Row Bee. Members decide on a theme. They each make their own row project and do a Show and Tell. They plan to make table runners after they finish a quilt for DAX House.

Challenge Bee. Members decide on guidelines for a challenge project and do a Show and Tell.

Charity Bee. Members design a quilt and then make several blocks. Assembling, quilting and binding tasks are shared among the group. The quilt is donated to a charity.

Sew Random Bee. NEW! No theme. No pressure. No judgements. Members meet and work on their own projects.

The Bee Where It Happened

The Charity Bee officially named ourselves *Make It Sew* but we are also known as *Sew Bee It* because no one can remember our official name. Linda Wolf currently reigns as our Queen Bee, keeping us organized, informed and on task. Other members are Joan Chao, Marilyn Montgomery, Becky Huebler, Lolly Gajda and Jeanne Federico. At our monthly meetings, we discuss designs and colors. We all sew blocks and then rotate assignments for the other tasks. We decide which charities to support with our quilts. Quilts are usually completed in about four months.



We recently finished our second quilt which we refer to as the Tula Pink quilt. For those who are curious how the "sausage" is made, so to speak, we're going to give you a peek into our process. For the Tula Pink quilt, Joan suggested that we use Tula Pink's City Sampler 100 Modern Quilt Blocks book. Members borrowed copies from Linda Kennedy, Barb O'Brien, Martha Barry and our local libraries. We each chose 5 blocks and made them with blue, green and yellow fabrics from our stash. Jeanne donated the floral focus fabric and distributed a swatch to each of us to work into three of our blocks. She had quite a lot of it – enough for piecing into the blocks, a border and the backing for a 60" x 74" quilt! We decided to add white sashing

to make the quilt bigger. Jeanne assembled the blocks and added a border. Linda Wolf quilted it on her long arm machine in a curvy pattern called Water Lily. Lolly sewed the binding with more focus fabric and attached a label. It's always exciting to see the result of our collaboration!

— Joan Chao

Programs/Workshops

If you were able to be present, either virtually or in person, at the October guild meeting, you might be thinking about planning a road trip to Lincoln, Nebraska to visit the International Quilt Museum. Meg Cox's lecture surely got us excited about this Quilt House, and all that is available there or on its website. I am waiting to receive our guild's code for access to the Guild Only section of the website. Once received, it will be passed along to all of you. Guild members also received a discount code for a purchase at the Museum Store.

The Beth Helfter workshop on Accordion Half-Square Triangles was well received as 12 participants learned a method for creating a scrappy look with triangles.

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.

Taping with Alex and Ricky:



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. This day will come upon us quickly after the holidays. As you work on projects

between now and then, notice what tip, technique, or tool you could share with others. Maybe you have a favorite quick pattern, block, or book you could share. 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.

February

In February Chris Kirsch's lecture topic is "Tradition with a Twist". On Friday, February 11 her in person full day workshop is "Compass Capers". This is the description from her website - *"Traditional mariner's compass quilts are beautiful, but can be difficult and time consuming to piece. This class will change that! Learn to draft a traditional compass using only a pencil, ruler and paper folding techniques. Then sew directly on the pattern using paper piecing - no math or templates! Once the technique is learned, compasses can be made any shape and any size."*

I hope many members will be able to participate in this workshop, the first to be held in our new space at the Lyons Township building.

April

Alice Ridge will be our meeting lecturer and will lead half-day in person workshops on April 15, "Modified Molas", and on April 16, "Hawaiian Applique". Descriptions of the classes can be found here: <https://aliceridgequilts.com/classes/>

May

Greg Barner will be our lecturer and workshop leader in May. Full day in person workshops are "Miter Magic" and "Back Splash".

Please check the guild website for all of the program information and how to register for classes.

—Linda Johnson, Programs lindaellenjohnson@att.net

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee has a special surprise for you at the November meeting. We have put together a "Postcard Project Goodie Bag" which contains supplies and directions for the project that we'll work on at the December Zoom meeting.

Everything is included except for your own special fabrics. Can't wait to see your creativity!

For those members who are unable to attend the November meeting, we'll set up a PICKUP LOCATION for you!!

—Laurel Karlo

Community Service

Community Service has been busy! We were very excited to get so many great responses to our survey. With all the interest shown, we are anticipating a very busy and productive year.

Our main focus in the upcoming winter months will be to fulfill our commitment to the DePaul DAX students providing them with 18 quilts (72x84) by January 13th.

We are off to a fantastic start with several quilt tops, block sets and beautiful completed quilts brought in at the October meeting.

Community Service will be reaching out and getting in touch with our interested members. We will be organizing into groups for designing, piecing, assembling, completing, quilting and binding our student quilts. Something for everyone!

Any questions, please contact Lolly Gajda.

—Lolly Gajda

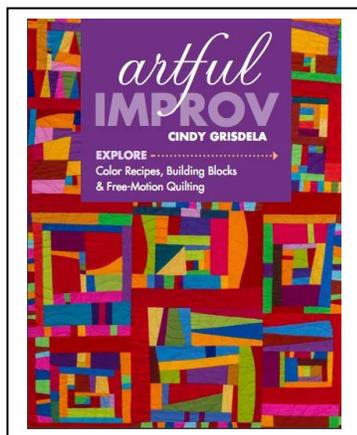
The latest top for DAX house:



Library

Carol D was able to put a spreadsheet in a PDF format on the guild's website, so everyone in the quilt guild should be able to access it now. Thanks to Carol If you want to borrow a book - please let me know and I will have it out for you at the meeting in November.

I bought an autographed copy of the book, *Artful Improv* by the November speaker/ workshop teacher, Cindy Grisdela. She autographed it.



There will be books available to borrow and I found some books in the bookcase that will be free to anyone who wants them. Please come by the Library table or Garage sale to look at them. If you want a book on a certain subject or by an author, let me know and I can have it for you to look at and borrow.

—Ann Olson

Meeting Minutes – September 2021

Salt Creek Quilt Guild meeting, October 14, 2021

The Hybrid meeting of Salt Creek Quilters guild was called to order at 7:01PM by President Marilyn Montgomery

We had holiday mixers led by Claudia Moffat. Each table had place numbers. When the number was called by quilter sitting there moved to a different table to chat about these topics: A Halloween memory, Favorite Halloween Costume, and Favorite Halloween Candy

New members were introduced: Julia Laney, Margaret Dowling, Dorian Lee, Kathy Swartz and Karen Hanes, returning member, Gail Heneghan

Garage sale: We have lots of fabric to be sold for \$6.00 a pound, a mystery package, and 2 raffle baskets--one with frog fabric and items, a second with a French theme. Tickets were \$1 each or 5/\$6. There were also clip cushions for 2/\$5

Fabric Sale: \$5400 net. Fabric came from our fabric donation contest and members large donations. The leftover fabric is in the garage sale, items went to charities: Girls to Sew, Local libraries, Economy Shop in Oak Park and to the Autism Sale.

December Holiday Party will be virtual. Stay tuned for the fun thing we will be doing. Plan to have your own food and drink.

Trunk Shows: Kathy Tracy was 1st Friday evening, Linda Wolf will be November 5th, time TBA

Marilyn asked was anyone going to the Houston International Quilt Show: Linda Kennedy is going.

Community Service

Lolly Gajda reported: The guild is going to focus on the DAX program at DePaul University. We have been asked to provide quilts for their new home for insecure housing students. We donated 11 last year and they have asked for 18 72x84ish quilts this year.

Ideas for the quilts were discussed: donate finished tops and backs for some of our long-armers to quilt, finished quilts, make a quilt a bee project. A survey has been sent to determine how best to utilize us as helpers.

Programs: 2021-2022 Linda Johnson
October will be a virtual workshop about creating 1/2 square triangles given by Beth Helfter, "Intro to Accordion Half-Square Triangles. Our program was given by Meg Cox about the International quilt museum in Lincoln, Nebraska.

November: Cindy Grisdela, "Playing with Color"
Workshop: Improv Intro to Blocks, Strips and Curves

January: Lecture: Sue Glass, Overcoming fear of Applique, Workshop: School House Days

February: Lecture: Chris Lynn Kirsch, Wisconsin, "Tradition with a Twist"

February 11, 2022 Friday: IN-PERSON Workshop "Compass Capers"

March: Maureen Styles: Lecture: How to place "stuff" on fabric and how to submit quilts.

April: Alice Ridge

April 15, 2022 Friday: Half day-- IN-PERSON Workshop "Modified Molasses"

April 16, 2022 Saturday: Half day-- IN-PERSON Workshop "Hawaiian Applique"

May: Greg Barner, Trunk show

May 13, 2022 Friday: IN-PERSON Workshop "Miter Magic"

May 14, 2022 Saturday: IN-PERSON Workshop "Back Splash"

Classes are held at Lyons Township: Several volunteers moved our workshop equipment into their closet this week. Remember to check the website for class details.

Membership: we have 12 participating via Zoom tonight. 7 new members have joined us and 1 renewal.

Treasurer's report: \$19,203.77 in checking, \$12,000 in saving, \$4,000 retreat monies. Expenses: \$669.00. Martha Barry and Karen Walton moved to accept the report

Minutes from May and September were approved by Kathy Elwood and Claudia Moffat

Door Prize winner: Denise Havlan

Our speaker for the evening: Meg Cox, a quilter, journalist and historian gave a fascinating program about the quilts and the people behind the International Quilt Museum on the campus of University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her website offers a 10% discount on admission fee. She suggested subscribing to the museum newsletter for great information about the collections and upcoming shows.

Meg offered a Door Prize and Sandy Byrnes won it.

Garage sale mystery: won by Carol Allegretti
Frog basket—Claudia Moffat
France Basket—Arlene Forst

2nd Door Prize: Janet Woratschek

Show and Tell: Delightful baby quilts, memorial quilts, quilts for cops (which go to injured CPD personnel)

Christmas quilts, Halloween quilts one with 950 1" squares. Quilts of Valor, A quilt representing the temperature during each day of the 2020 pandemic. Community service quilts

Quilts of Valor: Arlene Forst needs 8 1/2" and 6 1/2" red, white, and blue squares to make more QOV

Marilyn thanks us for our patience with the Owl system

Garage sale reminded us they have freebies

3rd door prize: Karen Walton

The door prize spinner used a Halloween spinner which made it fun even if you didn't win.

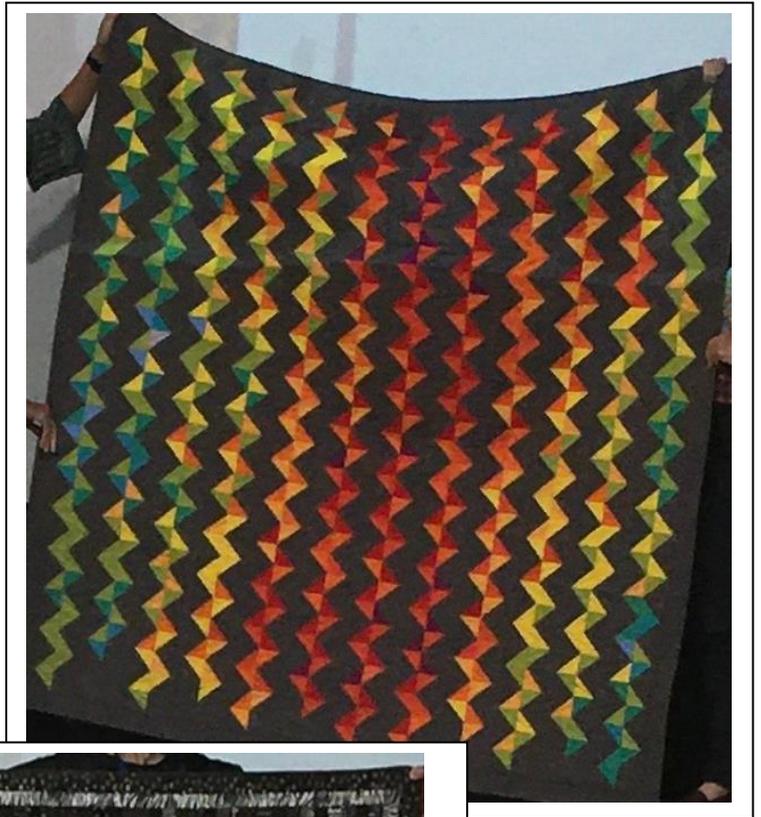
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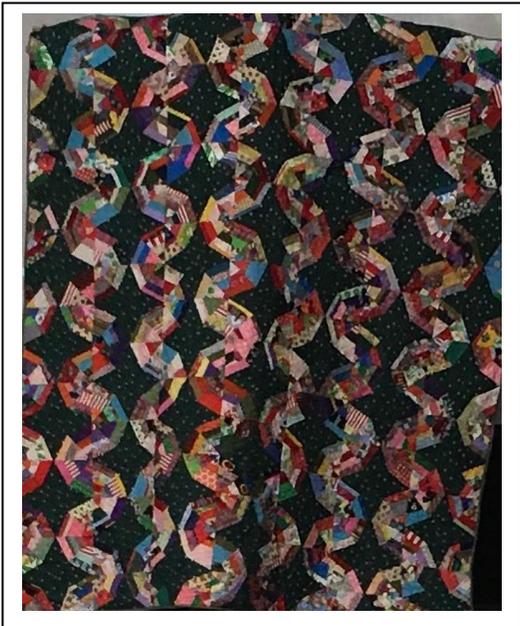
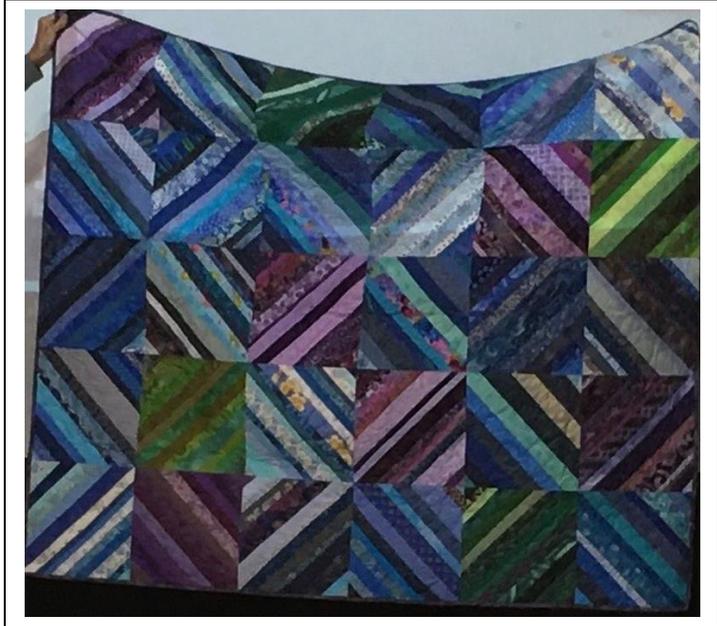
—Martha Barry, secretary

Pictures from Show & Tell

A sampling from the Show & Tell:







Raffle Baskets for November

Three baskets will be available for raffle in November: 1) Quilt Basket, 2) kitchen basket with Christmas items and pampered chef pan, 3) cat basket with lotions, soaps, towels, cat hanger and more.



Prairie Star Quilt Guild schedules numerous renowned Guest speakers and teachers each year. Our workshops are virtual thru March 2022 and we've opened all for non-members to enroll!

We would appreciate it if you'd share with your members and we would love to welcome them to our workshops.

BONUS: all non-member virtual workshop participants will receive a link to join the meeting lectures (normally \$10 a meeting) included with their registration.

Further details and registration is on our website at: <https://psqg.org/programs-workshops/>

October (Oct 27th and Oct 30th - **this week!**) Joy Duke of Joyous Applique - Virtual Workshops: Butterfly with Me Bamboo Felt, then Applique Elements on the 30th. Option to join us at the St. Charles Library to virtually connect with Joy in a small group setting.

November - Robin Pickens (Dec 4th and Dec 6th)

January - Tina Curran (Jan 26th and Jan 29th)

February - Stephanie Soebbing (March 1st)

March - Bonnie Langenfeld (March 30th and April 2nd)

Thank you! PSQG Programs