

# 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.

In 2021-22, we have returned to some 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 **23<sup>rd</sup> of each month** to [barbaraeobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaraeobrien@hotmail.com)  
— Barbara O'Brien  
*Patch Dispatch editor*



### Letter from the President

As I write, Spring has sprung! As you read this, Spring may have disappeared. Ah, the joys of Chicago weather.

While Chicago weather remains unpredictable, the unpredictability of last few years has brought many changes and opportunities to the Guild that have broadened our perspective. The March Zoom/ in-person meeting went smoothly. This allows me to believe that we can continue to offer hybrid meetings. Zoom meetings permit members to join regardless of obstacles. We have experienced remote speakers, classes and sew-ins that have also found a place in our future. However, meeting in person allows for the human interaction and comradery which is so important to the energy of the Guild. In summary, we will continue to attempt to find the balance of meeting in person with meeting remotely. Thanks for your willingness to be flexible. Flexibility has been one of the key ingredients to the Guild's ability to move forward during the last few years.

Speaking of moving forward... we will move forward on a bus to the Wisconsin Quilt Museum on June 3. Cedarburg is a cute town, and the museum is a special experience. We will also stop at two quilt shops not in the Chicagoland area. I am really looking forward to this day. See inside for more details.

Be sure to check the calendar of dates inside the newsletter. We plan to have Zoom Gatherings during the summer, an AccuQuilt cutting day for AccuQuilt owners, and a follow up to the EQ8 forum.

Take care,

— Marilyn Montgomery

## Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of March 24, 2022. Expect updates via email blasts.

<b>April</b>	
9	Deadline to send Show & Tell pictures to Marilyn Montgomery
14	Thursday SCQG meeting - 6:30 pm
15	Friday half day in-person workshop - Modified Mola
16	Saturday half day in-person workshop - Hawaiian Applique
<b>May</b>	
6	Zoom gathering - Anne Zick trunk show
7	EQ8 Forum revisited - Zoom
8	Deadline to send Show & Tell pictures to Marilyn Montgomery
12	Thursday SCQG meeting - 6:30 pm
21	AccuQuilt owners cutting party
<b>June</b>	
3	Cedarburg Field Trip
<b>July</b>	
TBD	Zoom gathering - Betsy Maloney trunk show
<b>August</b>	
TBD	Zoom gathering - Denise Havlan trunk show

## Nominating News

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for Guild positions for the 2022-2023 year. Elections will take place at our May meeting.

The Nominating Committee consists of Joan Chao, Carol Douglas, and Anne Michalik.

### Vice President – Linda Johnson

I am happy to say that I am now a retired teacher, after spending my years in classrooms from 1st grade through college levels. I enjoyed those classroom years, but so many days in the middle of a lesson I was really thinking "I just want to go home and sew." So now that's what I'm doing. I enjoy all steps in making a quilt and am challenging myself recently to choose those



patterns and techniques I was putting off because of their difficulty or investment of time required to complete. My favorite techniques in quilting are paper piecing, free-motion quilting, and ruler quilting. I work on a domestic machine set up in a corner of my bedroom. Our guild, like many other organizations, has been forced into thinking and operating in new ways to continue to provide programs and meeting times while providing for the safety and convenience of its members. I think this has been a good challenge for us and the experience will make us a better organization that can better meet the needs and interests of all members.

### Membership Co-Chairpersons – DeAnn Ellis and Jo Murphy

#### DeAnn Ellis

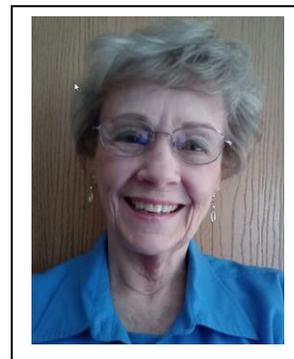
As a member since 2007, I've enjoyed the fellowship and artistry of the Guild. I've been Community Service Chair, Co-chaired a quilt show and Co-chaired Membership during my time in the guild. I'm looking forward to working with my Mom, welcoming you all to the guild and the meetings!



#### Jo Murphy

I've loved the art of quilting since my daughter began devoting her time to creating beautiful designs in 2006.

I've always sewn, mostly clothing, but my interests now are the colors, patterns and fabrics used in quilts today.



### Programs / Contracts Co-Chairpersons - Open

If interested, please contact the Nominating Committee.

— Joan Chao, Carol Douglas, Anne Michalik

## Hospitality

I'm sure we're very happy to be able to meet together with our friends and enjoy our speakers in person. What a wonderful way to welcome in Spring!

In keeping with this spirit, we're asking you to bring your beautiful Spring/Easter hand work, such as table runners or small seasonal decorations, and bring them to the guild meeting to display on our round tables. It's a great way to share our work with others and stimulate ice-breaker discussions.

— *Laurel Karlo*

## Membership

Greetings! You should have received the Membership Application Google Form in a separate email. This is the preferred method for renewing or applying for membership. By completing the Google Form, all of your information is automatically entered into a database which is very helpful to committee chairs and board members.

A paper copy of the application is attached to this newsletter if you are unable to complete the Google Form.

Your membership payment can be made through PayPal. There is a link on the SCQG website Salt Creek Quilters Guild. You do not need to have a PayPal account to pay this way.

— *Fran Colby and Kathy Elwood*

## Library

Thanks to Barbara Mellens for volunteering to help me at the quilt guild meetings. I plan to be there in April.

Please return any library books and if you want other books please contact me and I will have them ready to check-out at the meeting. I couldn't find a few books last month, and will try to get to the Community House and check it out/ straighten the shelves, when I have more time, hopefully before the April meeting. If anyone can help, please let me know.

I contacted our April speaker/teacher to buy a book for the library. She doesn't have any books

available. There is a book in the collection on Hawaiian applique and one on Molasses already. I will try to have them available at the April Meeting if anyone wants to look at them or check them out.

— *Ann Olson*

## Community Service

### Pet Beds

Thanks to Martha Barry for the 4 dog beds made with pillowcases. I made 2 dog beds with pillowcases and a small dog/cat bed/blanket out of fabric remnants I bought from JoAnn Fabrics. I took everything to the Hinsdale Humane Society. I put pictures on Facebook. If anyone has any pillowcases and can donate them, I can use them to make more dog / cat beds. I have a lot of fabric scraps right now. Thanks.

— *Ann Olson*

### Medical Mission

On February 26: I have returned from my long-postponed medical mission to Chiapas, Mexico.

We had a wonderful trip with a small group of 5 Canadians and Americans, and about thirty volunteers from the Chiapas area. Over the two weeks, in three villages, we saw 471 medical patients and filled

1260 prescriptions.

The eye team did 391 eye exams, gave out 56 pairs of

sunglasses, 152 fitted prescription glasses,

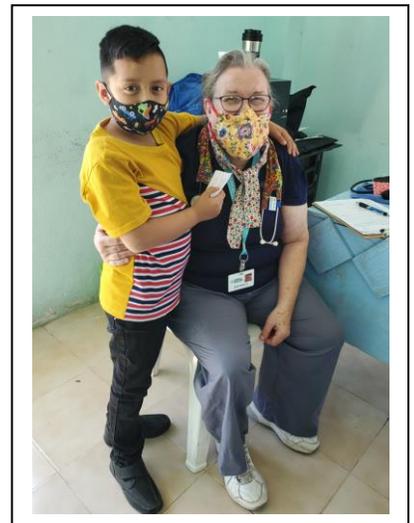
86 readers, and 27 frames for people to use with lenses made locally. Several

people were also scheduled for

cataract surgery in the spring. The

audiology team

cleaned out 53 people's ears and fitted 9 hearing aids. We also had dentists but I do not have their stats.



Many thanks for the cloth bags for medicines, the t-shirt fabric washcloths, and the eyeglass cases! They were treasured.

I am planning on going again next February, and possibly also this November. I can use

- Washcloths made from 2 pieces of t-shirt fabric serged or zigzagged together, I usually cut 8 1/2" or 6 1/2" squares because it is easy, but size does not really matter. (I can also use leftover scraps to cut from if you are making t-shirt quilts.)
- Eyeglass cases
- Readers of any strength (like the ones lying around that your eyes have outgrown!)
- Sunglasses
- Diabetic testing supplies (call me about what is really useful)
- Cloth bags with some sort of tie or drawstring for handing out the packets of medicine. They can be any size from about 5" square up to 8 by 10. A piece of ribbon sewn into the side works fine for a tie. I have also used narrow strips of selvedge. All colors welcome!

I also delivered a big bag of flannel hearts for the NICU at Hinsdale. I have extra flannel if you need it.

Because I am caring for my mother half of the week (starting Thursday mornings) I have not been able to be at the meetings. I can be reached on my cell or at Rebecca955@aol.com for questions or comments.

Many thanks for your support.

—Becky Preston

## Programs/Workshops

Noreen Skiles was the speaker at the March guild meeting. We learned about a fabric design web-based business called Spoonflower.com. Noreen showed us many possibilities for using this service in fabric projects of all kinds. The handout for the lecture can be found here. [Spoonflower Handout](#)

## April

Alice Ridge will be in person at the April guild meeting, lecturing on "Quilts Around the World". Alice will lead a half-day in person workshop on Friday, April 15 on [Modified Molas](#).

Two samples for the class project can be seen here, and more will be shown at the April guild meeting.



Alice will bring the required supply kits to the class in a variety of designs. Participants will need to bring \$20.00 cash for the kit on the day of the class.

On April 16, Alice will lead a half-day in person workshop on Hawaiian Applique. This description is from [aliceridgequilts.com](#). [Hawaiian Applique](#) - You will have your choice of 3 different techniques to create the classic Hawaiian art form. Traditional Needle-turn applique, Contemporary Machine applique and a Faux-Applique technique that gives a new twist on a traditional style of quilting! When you register for the class, you choose which technique you would like to use. All 3 techniques will be demonstrated!

## May

Greg Barner of Greg Barner Quilts will be our lecturer and workshop leader in May.

On May 13, he will work with us on his patterns, Miter Magic, a fast and easy way to make perfect miters and build them into a scrappy quilt. On May 14, he will lead us through his Backsplash pattern.



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

—Linda Johnson, Programs [lindaellenjohnson@att.net](mailto:lindaellenjohnson@att.net)

## Programs/Workshops – 2022/23

Looking forward to next year!!

We have some exciting lectures and classes being lined up for the upcoming 2022-2023 year! Look for more information and sign-up information over the next few months.

- In September, Jane Sassaman <http://janesassaman.com>, currently a designer for FreeSpirit fabrics, will provide a lecture on the creative process she uses in designing fabric, and she will lead a workshop using some of the decorative stitches in your machine.
- In October Carl Hentsch <http://www.3dogdesignco.com>, pattern designer and author of books including *New York Beauties & Flying Geese*, *Amish Inspired Quilts*, and *Stars and Stripes Forever*, will give a lecture on Amish Inspired Quilts for Today, and will lead a workshop that includes techniques for foundation piecing, Y-seams and templates.
- In November, our lecturer will be Professor Tracy Vaughn-Manley, Ph.D, of Northwestern University's Dept. of African American Studies. Dr. Vaughn-Manley's research includes African American Quilting as well as its impact on women writers.

- Our November workshop will be on zipper bags by Carol Wilhoit <https://www.carolquilts.com/>
- In February, Kathy McNeil <https://www.kathymcneilquilts.com>, award winning art quilter, will provide a Zoom lecture with stories about some of her quilts, and a Zoom applique workshop using Appliquik tools.
- In March, Catherine Redford <https://catherineredford.com/>, will entertain us with quilts featuring the language of flowers, and will lead a workshop with some hand stitching.
- In April Lynn Schmitt <https://www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com/>, local quilt shop owner and pattern designer, will provide lecture on using alternative fabrics in quilts, and a workshop to be determined.
- And we will end the year with a mystery quilt workshop with Bobbie Butler.

—Theresa Rodgers and Linda Wolf, Programs

## Cedarburg Field Trip

Our fun field trip to Cedarburg to visit the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts (with 2 quilt shop stops on the way home,) still has room for you to join us!

We currently have 19 registrants but need a minimum of 35 to cover the transportation costs at \$65 per person. Please note that the transportation prices are going up and will cause an increase in the trip fee after 3/31, so please sign up soon, so we can put down our deposit to lock in our rate and reserve our date!

Please email DeAnn Ellis at [dlellis262@gmail.com](mailto:dlellis262@gmail.com) to reserve your place and send your check, made out to SCQG, to:

DeAnn Ellis  
5118 Fairview Ave, #206  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Looking forward to a fun time!

—DeAnn Ellis

## Book Review

### **Quilt City Murders by Bruce Leonard**

If you have ever been to Quilt Week in Paducah, Kentucky, you will recognize many of the locales in this new book, *Quilt City Murders* by Bruce Leonard. The settings include, but are not limited to, the National Quilt Museum, Noble Park, Yeiser Art Center, Mellow Mushroom Pizza restaurant and even the inflated dome pavilion that houses vendors during the AQS Quilt Show. The murder mystery plot is adequate enough. It centers on a journalist / quilter who is investigating the murder of her ex-fiancé and other murders that may or may not be related. As much as she wants to solve the murder, she's more motivated by trying to find out why her fiancé dumped her one week prior to his untimely death. But the real draw of the book is the author's ability to capture the wonderful ambiance of self-proclaimed Quilt City USA and the quilting world.

Joan Chao.

## Meeting Minutes

### **Salt Creek Quilt Guild virtual meeting minutes: 3/10/2022**

Before the meeting, Members were encouraged to visit the Garage sale table and the Raffle baskets. Community service has quilt sandwiches to be taken home and finished.

Claudia Moffat had fun question for each table to discuss.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Marilyn Montgomery. Business Meeting:

**Nominating committee:** Joan Chao, Anne Michalik, Carol Douglas  
Positions needed are Contracts- 2 year, Membership – 2 year. Please respond when asked: Help guide the guild into the next years.

### **Forums:**

- Long Arm forum had 8 attendees and was well received. Linda Wolf led the discussion, and the group will plan to meet again in the future.
- EQ8 will be 3/12 this Saturday. Led by Marilyn Montgomery. Participants will learn how to use the computer driven quilt design software. It is open to

beginners and experienced users. Plan on a 1-hour Zoom.

### **Membership:**

Kathy Elwood reminded the guild, membership applications are on the Guild website. There will also be a paper form in the Patch Dispatch. Please complete either the on-line or paper version to rejoin. Be sure to send in or fill in payment of dues, \$40.00. The online membership booklet is terrific.

### **Programs:**

Alice Ridge is coming in April. She will present a program on "Quilts around the world" and class on Friday is Molas, there is a \$20.00 kit and bring cash. The Saturday class is Hawaiian quilting bring your own fabric. Information is on the Guild website. The samples of her class were on the back table. The workshops are in-person at the Lyons Township building on Joliet Road.

Greg Barner is coming in May. His classes are May 13, Miter Magic and May 14, Back Splash.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Savings account: \$12,001.98  
Checking account \$17,294.46  
Guild expenses \$746.40  
Martha Barry and Claudia Moffatt approved the report

### **Dates to remember:**

3/12 EQ8 Zoom forum  
5/6 Zoom gathering  
5/12 AccuQuilt party at Township of Lyons, bring your dies and fabric  
6/3 Cedarburg field trip  
July Gathering with Betsy Maloney  
Aug Gathering with Denise Havlan

**Door prize #1:** Karen Hane

### **Program:**

Noreen Styles told us about Spoon Flower and My Fabric Design, both are digital programs for designing your own fabric using people and flora/fauna pictures. It is possible to sell the designs you create. She also suggested Pizlr.com, BeSpoke Fiber, Picmonkey.com and Prisma

### **Quilt information**

Decatur quilt Fest in April  
National Quilt Museum: call for entries "Fantastic Fibers" see website for information  
Peoria Convention Center: Ken Burns quilts 3/5-6/5

**Door Prize:** Denise Havlan

### **Raffle winners:**

Basket 1 – Marilyn Montgomery  
Basket 2 – Barb Jurgensen  
Basket 3 – Claudia Moffatt

**Meeting Adjourned:** Claudia Moffatt and Arlene Forst

— *Martha Barry, Secretary*