

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.

Articles, announcements, or photos for the Patch Dispatch should be submitted to me by the **23rd of each month** to

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— Barbara O'Brien
Patch Dispatch editor

Letter from the President



Dear Guild Members,

I hope the change in weather is allowing you to escape out of your house and enjoy some summertime. Each day brings us one day closer to a normal routine and to being

together. I have received many pictures of quilts recently completed by our guild members. Sharing our talent is one of the fun parts of being a guild member and I appreciate hearing from you. Pictures of quilts, mask counts and funny comics are all appreciated, and I believe helps to keep us connected.

The board and I have been in communication regularly since May. We have been working on making the upcoming year a great one despite being constrained by the pandemic. We are looking into online opportunities to help us achieve this. The Hinsdale Community House will renew our contract at last year's prices and are giving us credit for our missed meetings. They are honoring the State of Illinois guidelines. We don't know what they will be for September, but we will keep you abreast of the situation.

This year's Program schedule is so fitting for us. Lois has provided opportunities for us to have fun sewing together and use the talent within our guild. This is in addition to arranging for some very cool lectures and classes from outside teachers.

I am looking for a person who likes to spread fun around. The position of Hospitality Chairperson is open. I would like this person to make sure our members are welcomed at the door and guests are given the Cadillac tour of all that we offer. This person will have a committee to help her achieve this and also keep us surprised with some fun activities at the meeting. They are also responsible for coordinating the food schedule. The food sharing will be determined by the meeting guidelines in September. Please contact me if you want to be on this committee or be the chairperson.

Plans are underway to restructure Community Service. Please share your ideas with me about this. You will learn about this in the August Newsletter. In August, you will also be brought up to date about the Quilt

Show. We have also been working on this since May also. The quilt show is rescheduled for April 17-18, 2021 at the Hinsdale Community House.

We are looking for some technical help to ease us through online opportunities. Any and all skills are needed. It may be as simple as helping me navigate Zoom or online payment options over the phone or taking on the responsibility of organizing them.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do this at your earliest opportunity

I look forward to seeing you. Be safe and keep quilting.

— Marilyn Montgomery

Membership

What strange times we are experiencing these days! We hope that you are well and staying safe! Hopefully, this has also given you some unexpected but welcome time to sew and work on your quilting projects.

With the abrupt end of our Guild year, we have to adjust to new ways to stay connected. It has certainly made it less convenient for us to renew memberships and gear up for next year, so we would like to say thank-you to those of you who have already renewed your membership for the upcoming year. If you have not already done so, please renew by submitting your membership form and payment. You can now renew using PayPal through the SCQG webpage either with a credit or debit card or a PayPal account if you have one. This is the preferred method if you are able. The PayPal link has been fixed so that it is easy to access. If you are not comfortable with PayPal, please submit a check with your form. Our addresses are listed on the bottom of the membership form.

As we look forward to the next Guild year, we need your membership form information so that we can verify accuracy for our directory. Also, if you do not have a photo in the membership directory currently, or if you would like a new photo to be included, just send us your photo, and we will get that into the new directory. The directory photos are a very important way to get to know fellow Guild members by being able to put a face with a name or a name with a new face!

Quilting has always been a way to bring people together, and we need that now more than ever! If you know people who would be interested in being part of our Guild, please extend the invitation for them to come to a meeting as a guest or to join the Guild. You might also know someone who has been a member of the Guild in the past but has let her membership lapse. Please reach out to her and invite her back. We have an excellent program line-up plus a fantastic quilt show scheduled to happen next year!

We look forward to the time when we can sit at that membership table and greet you.

So, until we see you again, take good care, stay healthy, and be safe! Quilters

— Fran Colby and Kathy Elwood, 2nd VPs Membership

Programs/Workshops

Programs for the Guild year 2020-2021

Hopefully, the pandemic will be behind us and we will be able to, again, get back to our schedules and meetings face to face. Because we have such great talented quilters in our group, we decided to ask a number of them to do a program/workshop for our group.

Signup information will be provided in the August Patch Dispatch. All plans are dependent on safety and state guidelines, but Marilyn and the board are looking into a variety of options to allow us to enjoy these wonderful programs.

September 2020

We are starting our year off with one of our own members, Coleen Walter, on Thursday, September 10. She will be presenting a trunk show of quilts and their stories – every quilt has a story.

Because there never seems to be enough time to catch up and talk to everyone at our meetings and get to know each other, on Friday, September 11, a late nighter with dinner is planned. The time is tentatively set from 3-9 pm.



On Saturday, an all-day sew-in is being planned from 9-4. Will be fun.

October 2020

On October 8th, we will have a lecture by Ruth Ann Berry. A number of us took a class from her in Paducah and it was great. She has a wonderful personality.

On Friday, she will be teaching a bargello class, and on Saturday, a simplified 3D lap size quilt. A great feature of her classes is that she brings optional \$50 kits for all her projects and will also supply fabric requirements. You may choose your own project to make at the workshops. Check out her website at Quiltersclinic.com.

Ruth Ann's Workshops:



For a Bargello workshop, the guild may choose any of the lap-sized Bargello projects from the website, (Pretzeled, Citrus, Cats Cradle, Zig Zag, Curly Q, Twirly Skirt, Silly String, Goggles, Jump Rope, Hopscotch,

Cartwheels). They may choose to all work on the same project or let each participant choose their own project. All of the lap-sized Bargello projects have the same fabric requirements so that any pattern may be made in any of the pictured colorways.



For the Simplified 3D workshop, the guild may choose any of the lap-sized 3D projects from the web-site, (Linked, Boxed, Echoes, Floated, Quaternity, Reverie, Windigo, Stormy, Asterisk, Gears) They may choose to all work on the same

project or let each participant choose their own project. All of the 3D projects have different fabric requirements. This workshop uses a 60° ruler. Ruth Ann has them for sale for \$8 if needed.

November 2020

November 12th brings us Roberta Butler, a long-time member of Salt Creek, with a trunk show and lecture. On Saturday, she will be doing a mystery quilt. We will be getting fabric and cutting requirements ahead of time, so when we arrive, we will be ready for a "mysterious day".



December 2020



On December 10th, we will be celebrating with dinner at our annual Christmas party.

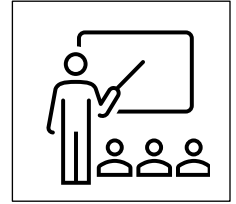
January 2021

After the sometimes-stressful holiday season and the upcoming winter season, it is time for a little relaxation and fun. On January 14th, 2021, our lecturer will be Chris Moline with her presentation "Victorian Underwear". It is promised to be a fun, laugh-filled evening.



February 2021

On February 11th, we will have an evening of "School Days". It will be a little different this year. There will be table "stations" set up around the room, with chairs available at each display. You will be able to choose the



demonstration that you would like to observe and move around freely with no time limits. We will have a number of members sharing their knowledge with us.

March 2021

Lori Dickman will be our featured teacher in March. Thursday evening, March 11, she will be presenting a lecture, "For the Love of Quilting - Made Easy".



For her workshop on Friday, she will teach her Sunny Dresdens designs. Her website is quiltingwithlori.com.



On Saturday, March 13, our member Nancy Brieschke will do a workshop on Birthstone series quilt blocks. She will have kits for each month. They make beautiful wall hangings by themselves but can be part of a quilt with all of the months. They are stunning.

April 2021

To be determined, planning around rescheduled quilt show

May 2021

We will end our 2020-2021 season with Greg Barner, a retired teacher and avid quilter. On Thursday, May 13, he will be bringing a variety of quilts to use in his lecture. He is a man with a great sense of humor.

His workshops on Friday and Saturday will be Octagons and Kaleidoscopes. Fabric requirements will be supplied, but there will be optional \$50 and \$60 kits. The classes also use a 45-degree ruler. See his webpage at gbarnerquilts.com



—Lois Flood, chair

Newsletter

I hope all of you are well and keeping busy. Carol passed responsibility for the newsletter to me this year. I'm looking forward to working on the Patch Dispatch – it's one way to help the board and membership stay connected during these uncertain times.

I plan to add a "Connections" feature at the end of each newsletter, with different topics each month. This will be a way to share information and get to know your fellow members better. Format and timing are works in progress!

- This month, our topic is **Reconnecting**, with news stories and pictures members sent me in the last few weeks.
- Next planned topic: **First Quilts**
 - Please send me pictures and stories about your first quilt by the end of July. It would be great fun to see a picture of you and your first work, however many years ago that was! (Mine was made in high school.) If you want to share, tell us what you learned from it and any comments about what went well or badly...
 - This feature will play in either the August or September newsletter.

Please send me your ideas for future feature topics at any time. I have a list I can start with, but I'd love to hear what you would like to share and see from your fellow quilters.

— Barbara O'Brien, editor



CONNECTIONS: Reconnecting after the shut-down

Thank you to everyone who shared your stories!

Linda Kennedy: I am a member of The Quilt Show online. This week Alex Anderson has posted videos (available to non-members) of a Shadow Redwork pattern called *Love Thy Neighbor*. I plan to do this and wondered if it would be something that other guild members would want to make also. It seems appropriate right now in light of what has happened the past week and also as we relate to our Salt Creek sisters. What do you think? You can check it out on the website - thequiltshow.com

Mary Calzado: I didn't get to stay home. I work as a social worker for Fresenius Kidney Care in a dialysis clinic. This is what the well-dressed social worker wears to work



Phyllis Muhl: my favorite mask and the wall quilt I just finished, called My Origami Flowers



Debbie Wesenberg: I have been making masks and face shields. Many of the masks have been given to families in my neighborhood and first responders and essential workers. I have had a few table sales to help defer the costs of the mask materials.

I also have been working on completing a 12-month series- tiny trios. Gardening as the weather warmed was a very nice distraction.



Kennette Bledsoe: I am doing all the usual things — walking for long distances every day, doing online exercise classes, reading books, knitting a lot, and sewing every day. I have made so many things! I take part in lots of Zoom meetings, and do my best to stay connected to all my friends and groups. I thank goodness for our present day technology and take advantage of it every chance I get. Here is a picture of me wearing one of my latest creations. How many do you need to match the one outfit you wear every day? A few, it seems. :-)

Barbara O'Brien: The last few months were an emotional rollercoaster for me – as for all of us – but once adjusted I've kept busy. I made some masks, gardened like a crazy person, re-read most of my favorite books, did some jigsaw puzzles, cut my own hair, finished one quilt and hope to start a few more now that the gardening is done. Here is a picture in my favorite flamingo mask (pre-haircut) and a picture of one part of my garden work.



Fran Colby: I made this for my first grandchild, a baby girl. It is going to her in Pittsburgh next week, so this will be my show and tell opportunity.



Ann Olson: My contribution to the newsletter! I and my family are doing well. My one daughter and her husband just bought their first "house" - condo - so that is good news. I just sewed masks for the family. I'll be happy to see everyone at the meeting in September.

