

# 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 **23<sup>rd</sup> of each month** to:

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— Barbara O'Brien  
*Patch Dispatch editor*



### President's Message

Welcome to the 2023-2024 year of the Salt Creek Quilters Guild! Hopefully you have renewed your membership and are ready to take advantage of all the benefits the guild offers to its members.

Maybe now is a good time to ask yourself "Why am I in this guild?" Without doing any surveys, I would guess our answers would be pretty similar and something like this. "I like/love quilts." "I like to make quilts." "I like to look at quilts." "I like to learn about quilts." "I like to learn new quilting skills." "I like to be with other people who like to make quilts."

To satisfy my desire to be around quilts, I take a trip to Paducah, Kentucky at AQS show time to be immersed into the quilt world of exhibits, vendors, and other quilty people like me. One of the special exhibits this year at the National Quilt Museum was "Showstopper - Quilts by Marilyn Badger". Marilyn has won many major awards for her original quilts, as well as for the quilting she does for other quilters. A gallery of her quilts can be found here. Marilyn Badger Gallery. Marilyn summed up why she is a quilter with these words, "Quilting is very good therapy. There's always something new to try that keeps the interest level up." Her words are likely true for each of us as well.

The 2023-2024 SCQG Board hopes this year will provide many opportunities for you to get some "therapy" by participating in the programs, workshops, and service projects. We hope you sign up for a workshop that piques your interest and encourages you to try something new. Please consider volunteering when volunteers are asked for as a way of meeting more guild members. Share your "works in progress" and finished quilts at the monthly Member Showcase for some positive

reinforcement and ego boosts of your skills and accomplishments. Our guild will be most successful when many are participating and contributing.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the September 14 meeting. Be sure to bring your "In the Kitchen" challenge quilt to the meeting.

— Linda Johnson, President

## Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of August 25, 2023. Expect updates via email blasts.

September	
14	Deadline for "In the Kitchen" challenge - bring quilt to meeting
14	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Tammy Silvers lecture
15	Workshop - Celebration Slices
16	Saturday Open Studio 9-4
October	
12	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30 pm - Dana Jones lecture
13	Workshop - Free Cutting Caohagan-Island Style

**The Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside**

## News and Announcements

The family of Kay Ahern has donated her quilting items to SCQG. We will save much of it for our Spring fabric sale and bring some items to the monthly garage sales at our meetings. After Labor Day, some items will be listed on our SCQG Facebook page so members have the first opportunity to purchase them.

— Marilyn Montgomery

## Quilt Shows & Exhibits

Faithful Circle Quilters will be having a show on **September 23-24, 2023**. The show will be at Jefferson Junior High School, 7200 Janes Avenue,

Woodridge, Illinois. More info at [Faithful Circle Quilters Quilt Show \(fcquilters.com\)](http://Faithful Circle Quilters Quilt Show (fcquilters.com))

*If you want to see shows farther from home, here are a few in the next few months:*

- AQS Quilt Week in Grand Rapids is happening September 13-16. More information can be found at: [American Quilter's Society](http://American Quilter's Society) –
- Kankakee Quiltmakers is having a quilt show Autumn Splendor Quilt Show on **September 29-30**. More information can be found at: [Kankakee Quiltmakers - Home](http://Kankakee Quiltmakers - Home)

## Hospitality

Welcome back to the new year in Salt Creek Quilters Guild!

At long last, our treats table is back! We previewed this at the May meeting, and now we are set to offer treats with our coffee at the monthly meetings. I am including the schedule of people to bring treats each month, but this can be flexible. If you forget or do not attend a meeting, just bring your treat to the next meeting you attend. Our members enjoy treats of all kinds – sweet, savory, healthy, or indulgent. Bring whatever you would enjoy contributing. Here is the schedule of people to bring treats each month by first letter of your last name, with the exception of December which will be our holiday party:

September	A-C	February	K-M
October	D-E	March	N-R
November	F-G	April	S-U
January	H-J	May	V-Z

I will put a reminder in the newsletter each month for the next people to bring treats, so watch the newsletter for your turn. Thanks for contributing to the treats table – everyone really enjoys the food, and food also promotes socializing!!

At the September meeting, we will have a visiting guild with their opportunity quilt. The Village Quilters of Lake Bluff/Lake Forest will be visiting. Be

sure to stop by their table and welcome them and maybe buy some tickets.

See you at the meeting on September 14th!

— Fran Colby, Hospitality

## Membership

Hope you enjoyed your summer! We are just weeks away from the 2023-24 Guild year! I recently sent an email reminder to anyone who hasn't renewed. If you still need to renew, there are several ways to do so:

1. Go to [www.saltcreekqg.org](http://www.saltcreekqg.org) and renew and pay through the website, using Zelle (preferred) or Paypal.
2. OR Mail your check and membership form (attached) to me at:  
DeAnn Ellis  
5118 Fairview Ave., #206  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
773-315-9133
3. OR Bring your check and membership form to the meeting September 14.

We have a paid speaker in September, so if you haven't renewed by the meeting, you'll need to pay the guest fee of \$10, which will be credited toward your membership renewal when received!

Looking forward to seeing you in September, the program looks very interesting! Thanks.

— DeAnn Ellis, Membership

## Newsletter

This September newsletter goes to all SCQG members from the previous year (2022-23). We will update the distribution list after the September meeting. The October newsletter goes to members who have renewed for the 2023-24 Guild year. If you want to keep getting the newsletter, please renew by the September meeting!

As we go through the year, if you have news that you want to share please send it by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each

month. News about quilt shows and exhibits and news about members and former members is especially welcome. If you've participated in a Guild event, like the Shiphewana trip, and want to share pictures that will add some fun to the newsletter.

If you have ideas or suggestions, please send to me at any time.

— Barbara O'Brien, Newsletter

## Gatherings – Studios - Forums

### Open Studios

Our monthly Open Studio times will continue this year. In June, July, and August we had a room full of happy sewers finishing projects and starting new ones. Finishing the pillow project from Lynn Schmidt's workshop seemed to be the most common activity for several members.



Come for the whole day or just part of the day to relax and sew while enjoying conversation and inspiration from other quilters. There's always room for one more – YOU!

— Linda Johnson

### Fabulous Fabric Postcards

Thank you to everyone who made fabric postcards at the Open Studio in August. We now have a stash of eleven postcards ready to go. The Membership Committee will send a fabric postcard to welcome new members who join our guild in the coming year.

A big thank you to Claudia Moffat for donating supplies and expertise for making the postcards.

— Joan Chao



## Programs & Workshops

We are excited for our new year of programming! With speakers and topics from many different countries, we will literally be exploring the WORLD of quilting!

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.

### September

We will welcome Tammy Silvers to our guild in September. Tammy designs quilt patterns and also designs fabric for Island Batik. The Friday workshop will get you ready for the holidays.



**September 14, 2023 Thursday  
Tammy Silvers Lecture 7:00 pm  
<https://www.tamarinis.com>  
"Interrogating Your Quilt"**

Don't be nice about it – force that fabric to talk to you! Get the real info on how it can work for you to help you achieve your "quilt" vision. This humor-laden lecture focuses on getting the most from your fabric choices and how fabric can (and does) influence the finished quilt!. Supported by plenty of quilt examples from my retinue of quilts – good and bad!

**September 15, 2023  
Friday Workshop 9:00 am to 4:00pm  
"Celebration Slices"**

Paper pieced wall hanging or table runner. Choose a design for Birthday, Halloween or Christmas

See supply list at [Saltcreekqg.org](http://Saltcreekqg.org)

Purchase pattern

at <https://www.tamarinis.com> (Go to Shop - Pattern, Thread, Tools Shop. Then Search: Celebration Slices)

**Prior to class:** Print 6 copies of the paper piece foundation. Note: We'll have some extra paper piece foundations at the workshop.



### October

In October, Dana Jones will join us and take us on a virtual journey to the Philippines. The Friday workshop is a no-stress class!



**October 12, 2023 Thursday  
Dana Jones Lecture 7:00 pm  
<https://www.danajonesquilts.com>  
"Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and  
Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island"**

You'll be transported to a tiny island – just 13 acres – in the central Philippines as you enjoy images and stories of the colorful quilts and the more than 100 quiltmakers of Caohagan Island. You'll see photos of more than 50 of these handmade, one-of-a-kind quilts plus be introduced to the unique techniques developed by these



quiltmakers whose tools are simply fabric and scissors, needle and thread.

**October 13, 2023 Friday  
Workshop 9:00 am to 4:00pm  
"Goodbye Ruler, Goodbye Rotary Cutter:  
Free Cutting Caohagan-Island Style"**

In this workshop, you'll try your hand at free cutting Caohagan-Island style. You'll begin by free cutting and hand piecing a block of your choice. You can bring an image — black and white only, please — or select from images I'll provide.



In the second half of the class, we'll move to free cutting appliqué motifs as you design-as-you go a small quilt top that can become a pillow sham. You'll learn how the Caohagan quiltmakers piece some of their appliqués before putting them onto their quilts.

See supply list at [Saltcreekqq.org](http://Saltcreekqq.org).

--Joan Chao, Programs chairs

**If you want a preview of all of the classes for the rest of the Guild year, see the June newsletter or the Salt Creek website (updates in progress as of August 23<sup>rd</sup>).**

## Community Service

As summer slowly draws to a close (though judging by the heat this week, summer still has lots of energy left!) and as our guild year gets under way, plans are in the works for the coming months. Community Service will continue to provide quilts for the Constance Morris House. They are so happy to receive them. We will have kits available at the meeting to take home and complete. There is a variety available. Some need quilting and binding.

Others will require complete assembly. Any assistance is deeply appreciated.

There also will be a need for medical mission items. The next mission trip is planned for January 2024. There is a need for wash cloths (help with eye irritations). Also, eyeglass cases and cloth bags for the clients' medicines. Stop by the Community Service table for instructions and supplies. Directions are also on the guild website under the lessons category.

Community Service also hopes to schedule another Open Studio Sew Powerful purse assembly day. Updates as we get details worked out. And finally, our relationship with the DePaul DAX program continues as the new school year begins and new students arrive.

--- Lolly Gajda

## Library

Hard to believe it's almost September. It's been a busy summer doing the inventory. I had help from Kathy T, Linda Johnson and Arlene. Thanks so much for your help. I still have some books to delete and other items to change in the spreadsheet or on the books. Claudia M. will help me to take books out of the bookcase and display them for members to examine, and borrow, at the September meeting. Thanks Claudia.

As always if you want a book to borrow, please phone, or email me. I hope to have the new spreadsheet on the website - and thanks DeAnn there will be a print copy, hopefully at the meeting in September.

--- Ann Olson

## Meeting Minutes

**The May meeting minutes were published in the June special issue of the newsletter**



Barn Quilts on display at Yoder's

## Shipshewana Bus Trip



The Shipshewana bus trip has come and gone. It went all too fast. With stops at just a few of the quilt shop offerings in the area I believe we can honestly say that we helped the economy of the shops we did get to visit. There were even purchases of non-quilt items. We had a muffin tin, a coat, a spoon rest and a painting purchased among various puzzles from the puzzle shop.

I think everyone had a great time. I know I did.

The culmination at the end of the trip was indeed the dinner at The Carriage House. Elaine Jones and her son, Seth, are wonderful people. I know everyone seemed to enjoy that last opportunity to buy fabric.

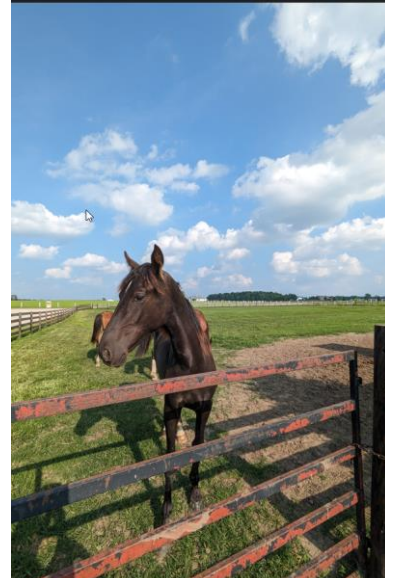
I also hope that everyone that participated will want to go back to Shipshewana and visit more of the area. Take a couple of days at a B&B (I have the name of a great one), and really take in the charm of the area. There are definitely more quilt shops to visit, along with quilt gardens and novelty shops.

I do want to thank my fellow travelers for being good sports on the bus trip, even with the hiccups and traffic delays. It was great traveling with all of you.

—Arlene Forst







Two quilts displayed at Carriage House





