

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 **23rd of each month** to barbaraeobrien@hotmail.com
— Barbara O'Brien
Patch Dispatch editor

Letter from the President



Spring is a time of transition for nature and for the Guild. I have often wondered how I would feel about this transition. A big part of me will miss the opportunities to

work with people to accomplish goals that help the Guild. Making new friends, being surrounded with creative ideas, working with others to overcome hurdles and have fun in the process are the rewards that I never expected. These are the memories that I will always hold dear. Please be aware of my gratitude for the time that we have shared during the past two years. However, I am truly excited about the next set of officers. Working with these ladies over the past few years convinces me to believe they will lead the Guild's growth in a very positive direction.

Please join us this summer at our Trunk Show Gatherings and other get togethers. Also, there is still room on the bus for Cedarburg on June 3.

Take care

— *Marilyn Montgomery*

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of April 30, 2022. Expect updates via email blasts.

May	
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 (Greg Barner lecture)
15	Friday in-person workshop - Mitre Magic
16	Saturday in-person workshop - Backsplash
21	AccuQuilt cutting party
24	Quilt Photography Zoom lecture - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

This summer

June 3	Cedarburg Field Trip
July 22	Zoom gathering - Betsy Maloney trunk show
August	Zoom gathering - Denise Havlan trunk show (date TBD)

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

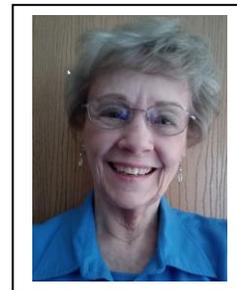
As a member since 2007, I’ve enjoyed the fellowship and artistry of the Guild. I’ve been Community Service Chair, Co-chaired a quilt show and Co-chaired Membership during my time in the guild. I’m looking forward to working with my Mom, welcoming you all to the guild and the meetings!



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 – Susan Elster-Jones and Suzanne Lennox

Susan Elster-Jones

Susan Elster-Jones. Lifelong Chicagoan, currently living in Oak Park. I have a BFA and MA in Fine Art and focused on painting and drawing in both degree programs. My heart was always with all things fiber. I quilted in the 90s- mainly making baby and wedding gifts. I took a long break from all creativity for many years. In 2010 my husband pulled my 1960s Singer out of storage and got it back in shape. I took one part district beginning class and let’s just say I have been making up for lost sewing time ever since. I love all styles of quilting and have been working on my embroidery and crochet skills.



Suzanne Lennox

Born in Jamestown, NY, went to college at Ripon College in Wisconsin (where I met my husband). We have lived in Chicago, Elmhurst and Hinsdale (for 43 years). I did not begin quilting until 2000 when I took classes from Wendy Butler Berns (at her home). One of my favorite parts of quilting is embellishing parts of the quilt (and backing) with embroidery designs through my Pfaff machine...these may come from memory cards inserted into the machine or transferred from the Internet...as well as creative stitches on the machine.



— Joan Chao, Carol Douglas, Anne Michalik

Hospitality

It's hard to believe that we only have one more meeting of SCQG for 2021-2022! That means only:

- ~ one more time to share the quilts/projects that you've worked on during this past challenging year!!
- ~ one more time to catch up with friends that you only see at Guild!!
- ~ one more time to chat with members that maybe you haven't gotten to know this year because of the structure of our meetings!!

Take advantage of these opportunities... walk around, chat with friends and introduce yourself to someone new! You'll probably find out that you have many things in common.

Hope all of you have a wonderful summer.....to those of you whom I know very well and others that I hope to get to meet very soon!!

— *Laurel Karlo*

Membership

Happy Spring to everyone! For SCQG, spring means membership renewal time! So far nearly half the membership has renewed. Thank-you to everyone who has sent in their renewal form and dues. Remember, we need both—even if your information has not changed, the member form helps us ensure accurate information in our records and the directory.

You may either send the form in electronically through the SCQG website or print a form from the website and send that through the mail. Paper forms will be available at the membership table at the May meeting, so you will be able to take care of the renewal process at the meeting. You may pay dues through PayPal on the website or send a check to one of us.

We would like to do a final revision of the directory before we turn over materials to the new chairs. So, please let us know if you have any corrections. We would also love to add more photos, so just email a cell phone photo to Fran.

— *Fran Colby and Kathy Elwood*

Programs/Workshops

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

Fall 2022 Lectures and Workshops

• Lecture: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 7:00 pm

We start the year with Jane Sassaman <http://janesassaman.com>, award winning quilter and designer for FreeSpirit fabrics, who will talk to us about the creative process she uses in designing fabric, entitled “Jane’s Textile Treasure Garden”.

• Workshop: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 9:00am – 4:00pm

Jane Sassaman In-person workshop “Domestic Bliss: Abstract Applique Still Life”

We will begin this workshop by looking at examples of abstract still lives by several 20th century artists. Then we will simplify our subjects by cutting paper shapes to play with perspective, light and shadow and composition. Then we will transform our paper pictures into fabric appliqué.



- **Lecture: OCTOBER 13, 2022 7:00PM**

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.

- **Workshop: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022 9:00am – 4:00pm**

Carol Hentsch In-person workshop “Fly Over”

Quiltmakers will learn multiple techniques in the class: Foundation piecing, Y-seams, and using templates. Preprinted foundation patterns available for \$5.00. Pattern available at <https://shop.mybluprint.com/quilting/patterns/fly-over-2/668440>



- **Lecture: NOVEMBER 10, 2022 7:00pm**

In November, our lecturer will be Professor Tracy Vaughn-Manley, Ph.D, of Northwestern University’s Dept. of African American Studies. Dr. Vaughn-Manley discusses the distinctive aspects that define the Black Aesthetic quilting tradition and how quilting is used by Black women writers: Toni Morrison, Nikki Giovanni, and others to assert individual/collective agency and build community (ies).



- **Workshop: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022 9:00am – 4:00pm**

Carol Wilhoit <https://www.carolquilts.com/> will lead a workshop entitled “Five Great Zipper Bags”. She will have kits available for \$22.00. Think Holiday gifts!!



—Theresa Rodgers and Linda Wolf, Programs

Summer Reading

Northwestern University’s Professor Tracy Vaughn-Manley’s lecture in November will discuss how quilting is used by writers to employ the quilt and the tradition of quilt-making as metaphors for history, community and legacy, particularly in the hands of Black women.

As an example of quilts and community in literature, the Professor has recommended that we read *Home* by Nobel Prize winning author, Toni Morrison. Morrison’s hero in *Home* is 24-year-old Frank Money, recently returned from the horrors of the Korean War, and suffering from PTSD. He has no intention of returning to Lotus, Ga., the hometown he has always loathed, until he receives a letter about his younger sister, Cee, which reads: "Come fast. She be dead if you tarry."

I recently read *Home* in an afternoon; it’s less than 250 pages, and it’s available through the library, either in book, audiobook or ebook format. I found it engaging and insightful.

We will schedule a book discussion in the fall.

—Linda Wolf

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 had room for you to join us as of April 30th.

Please email DeAnn Ellis at 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*

Our New Pet Project

Our new pet project is exactly that – a ***Pets and Quilts Calendar!*** Members of the Salt Creek Quilters Guild are encouraged to submit a photo to be included in our fundraising 2023 calendar. This is a fun way to share pictures of your quilts while showing off your furry friends at the same time!

Choose one of your handmade quilts to include in the calendar and pose your dog, cat, bunny, guinea pig, goat or whatever pet you'd like along with your quilt.

The photos can be taken with your smartphone or a good digital camera that will result in high resolution and a clear photo. The calendar pages may contain two to four various photos per page, which mean that the files you send may be enlarged, so we need the best quality you can submit. The pages will be 8 ½" by 11" (17" x 11" opened) and will be for sale toward the end of 2022. More information will be sent out regarding to whom you send the photos. Please note that we will require you to obtain certain permissions in order for your photo to appear in the calendar.

Details on how to do this are forthcoming. You may submit up to 3 photos, but the calendar assembly team will need to choose just one of those for actual printing. Get creative! Start experimenting and try different backdrops that compliment your quilt and your pet. Enjoy!

—*Julie Laney and Joan Chao*

Picture This: A Lecture on Quilt Photography

To help you with taking awesome photos of your pets and quilts, we are hosting a special zoom lecture on quilt photography on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Our speaker is Kitty Wilkin of www.nightquilter.com. Her lecture is:

Take Great Quilt Photos Now!

You've spent countless hours planning, cutting, sewing, trimming, basting, quilting, and binding your quilt, now how do you document your masterpiece!? Whether you have a point and shoot, a fancy DSLR but simply don't know how to use it, or even a smartphone, Kitty will teach you how to make the most of the tools you have to get great quilt photos. Kitty will discuss photography basics, lighting, composition, and staging, and will share a few inexpensive tools that you can find around your house to take your photos from good to great! You will leave feeling confident that you, too, can take great quilt photos without buying any fancy equipment.

Mark your calendars! We'll send out a zoom link the week of the lecture.

—*Joan Chao*



Library

I wrote an email to the May speaker to inquire about buying a book, but he apparently doesn't have any to sell. So, there are no new books in the library this month.

I organized the quilt guild library at the end of March. I removed some books - mostly duplicate copies or older ones. These books - over 20 - will be available to buy at the May meeting. The Garage sale will decide on prices.

Carol Douglas will put an updated spreadsheet on the guild web site. Please let me know if you want to borrow any book, or if the guild library has a certain book or author or subject that you want to see or borrow. You will not need to return them till September. Thanks.

Also, thanks to Barb Mellens for her help.

— Ann Olson

Community Service

Pet Beds

Thanks to Arlene Forst for a pillowcase filled for the shelter and to Becky Preston for a huge bag of fabric scraps to fill some more pillowcases. I hope to take it, and some pillowcases, that I fill, in May or June to the shelter for the dogs and cats.

HAPPY SUMMER!

—Ann Olson

Meeting Minutes

Salt Creek Quilt Guild meeting minutes: 4/14/2022

Social time: discussion of Easter/Spring items on tables and working out tech issues

Meeting called to order by President Marilyn Montgomery. We received thank you notes from Quilt Museum and Sara's Inn. Business Meeting:

Membership: Fran Colby welcomed everyone, described options for renewal: paper forms on back table, Google Form, taking checks or PayPal. It would be great to have renewals and directory revision done before end of year. Send pictures or see Fran to get pictures taken tonight at the meeting. They're circulating a card for Martha Barry.

Nominating committee: Joan Chao announced the full slate of candidates:

- Vice President – Linda Johnson
- Contracts – Susan Elster-Jones & Suzanne Lennox
- Membership – DeAnn Ellis & Jo Murphy

Thank you to nominating committee for their work. Vote will be held in May

Forums: EQ8 Forum was held in March, 8 attendees, lots of discussion about how to use it. Planning a follow-up session in May. All are welcome.

Marilyn Montgomery: Heritage Guild is here today with opportunity quilt, please see during break

Programs:

- Modified Molas class tomorrow, 14 people have signed up
- Township of Lyons building on Joliet Road, shares parking lot with senior living center. At the back of the township building is a door right into the classroom
- Saturday is the Hawaiian Applique class, 9 or 10 people are signed up
- Greg Barner will be with us in May and will have samples at the Thursday lecture. His classes are Mitre Magic and Backsplash

Treasurer's report: Nothing has changed except that money is starting to come in for dues. Provided report? Move to accept: Claudia Moffat, second: Alberta Eller

Dates to remember: This summer, we're going to start Zoom gatherings again.

- May 6 – Anne Zick
- May 7 – EQ8 Forum
- May 21 – Accuquilt cutting session
- June 3 – Bus trip to Cedarburg – 28 are signed up. We have a passenger bus that will hold up to 44 passengers. Guild is covering difference. Museum in am, Art Quilt presentation, lunch, then 2 Wisconsin Quilt Shops on the way back with 1 hour for each shop. If we're able to get more people signed up, extra money will become cash back or a gift to you
- July 21 – Betsy Maloney trunk show
- August 2022 – Denise Havlan. We're discussing a Zoom meeting, then Denise will bring some quilts to the September meeting

Questions & brief discussion: Anyone going to AQS Paducah? Anyone going to Ken Burns exhibit? Peoria is about 2 hours away, museum is showing about 25 quilts – it's a nice trip. Marilyn said she's planning to go in April

Programs for next year: Linda Wolf

- September – Jane Sassaman
 - October – Carol Hentsch – 3 Dog Design, Amish Quilts for Today. Workshop will be Fly Over
 - November – special lecturer – professor at Northwestern, how quilting tradition impacts literature. We will invite others to this lecture. November workshop will be zipper bags, Carol Wilhoit
- Next month, you'll be able to sign up through the website

Door prize #1: Linda Johnson

Program: Alice Ridge showed an amazing variety of textiles and textile works from around the world, with examples circulated through the room

DAX Quilts: We have 22 quilts, showed slides, will hang in Kettering Hall next month

Door Prizes: Marilyn Montgomery & Carol Allegretti

Raffle winners:

- Basket 1 – Linda Kennedy – garden basket
- Basket 2 – Kathy Schwartz – spa basket

Meeting Adjourned: DeAnn Ellis and Sandy Migitz

— Barbara O'Brien, substituting for Martha Barry