

The Patch Dispatch



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Meeting Minutes

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.

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— Barbara O'Brien
Patch Dispatch editor

SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

November 2024



President's Message

Happy Halloween! This seems to be many people's new favorite holiday. It's so enjoyable to walk the neighborhood and see all the varied decorations. And the

warm weather makes being out and about more possible. My favorite is also this time of year when the leaves are turning; such a wonderful color palate.

I recently read that the average quilter starts about 10-12 projects per year and finishes about 9. I guess I exceed the average, because this month alone I started 5 new projects (but I did finish a baby quilt and quilted a large auction quilt). I fear I don't want to know how many work-in-process projects I have...

What is it about new projects? You come across a fabric, pattern or technique that you want to try and it goes to the top of the pile. There always seems to be something new I want to try. This month I started an English Paper piecing project; last year I swore I wouldn't do EPP because it was handwork, and my handwork has been knitting (which I also have several WIPs). But after taking the September workshop by Jill Shaulis, and seeing her unplanned demonstration of her technique, I thought maybe I could try it.

Every season of life presents new challenges, and every season of quilting can provide the same. I hope you try something new this fall – maybe in a workshop? This fall I vow to complete some of my WIPs. Some are destined for the quilt show, a couple for the auction, some for family, and at least one just for me.

I hope to see you at the November meeting, or the November workshop on Dresdens, or an open sew,

either on Wednesday afternoons at Harvester Park,
or on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Lyons Township!!

— Linda Wolf, President

Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of October 27, 2024. Expect updates via email blasts.
The Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside.

November	
6 & 13	Burr Ridge Open Sew
14	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30pm - Candace C. Graham trunk show - Quilt Show entry forms and database available
15	Friday workshop: Dresden Still Life
16	Saturday Open Studio - Community Service Day
20 & 27	Burr Ridge Open Sew
December	
1	Deadline to buy tickets for the holiday party
4 & 11	Burr Ridge Open Sew
12	HOLIDAY PARTY
13	Friday Open Studio
14	Saturday Open Studio

News & Announcements

Upcoming Quilt and Fiber Art Shows:

October 31-November 3

Quilt Festival Houston

George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX

[Quilt Festival Houston - Quilts](#)

November 1-3 (10-5 daily)

The Fine Art of Fiber (FAOF)

Hosted by Illinois Quilters, North Suburban Needle

Arts Guild and the Weaver's Guild

at the Chicago Botanic Garden

Salt Creek Quilt Guild at the Hinsdale Library

The guild has been given the opportunity to display quilts at the Hinsdale Public Library. Out exhibition will run from right after Thanksgiving until Jan 2.

The exhibit space has room for 4-5 medium/large size quilts and smaller wall spaces for 12 more quilts up to about 20 inches wide. More smaller quilts could be hung in place of the larger quilts. If you have a quilt you'd like included in the exhibit, I will be gathering them at the November 14 guild meeting, or at the class and open sew on November 15 and 16. This is a good opportunity to promote our guild in the community. If you have questions or wish to help getting this exhibit ready please give me a call or an email.

-- Linda Johnson

Shared by our members:

Linda Lambert (the Laura Heine expert who will be doing our workshop next May) is having a three day Laura Heine retreat (Nov 29, 30, and Dec 1). The cost is \$200 which includes lodging and lunch. She said you will have time to complete one large project or two small projects.

What a great opportunity in our very own community!

Retreat house:
204 Grace Drive
Forrest, IL 61741 (part way to Bloomington, IL)
www.seamlessgetaways.com

— Shared on Facebook by Lisa Odom

QuiltCon 2025

Phoenix, AZ February 20-23
Presented by the Modern Quilt Guild
www.quiltcon.com

The largest modern quilting event in the world, you can sign up to volunteer if you want.

— Shared on Facebook by Ann Olson

If anyone wants an unofficial preview of the school where we'll have our show in April, there's a craft show coming up later this month. Go spend some money and support a good cause!

— Shared on Facebook by Barbara O'Brien



Open Sews

Don't forget our Lyons Township Open Sew dates: It's a great way to finish projects and commiserate with friends

- Saturday November 16, 2024 is also Community Service Day for Becky Preston items for her upcoming mission trip
- Friday December 13 and Saturday December 14, 2024
- Friday January 10 and Saturday January 11, 2025. Bring a gadget that you purchased and never used!
- Saturday February 15, 2025
- Saturday March 15, 2025
- Friday April 11, 2025
- Saturday May 10, 2025

You also are invited to Open Sews every Wednesday from 1-4pm at the Burr Ridge Community Center in Harvester Park.

Hospitality

I hope everyone has enjoyed this beautiful Fall. The leaves have been beautiful.

This month the Itasca Quilter Guild will be our guests. They will be bringing their opportunity quilt. It was pictured in our October newsletter. Please stop at their table and welcome them. I had an opportunity to take a workshop from their Guild and they were very friendly and welcoming.

November snacks are the responsibility of people with the last name starting with F-G. As always, snacks can be purchased, homemade, healthy or indulgent.

I thank the ladies who volunteered to help with our Guild Christmas Party. We can always use volunteers. If interested, I will be at the Hospitality table at the November meeting.

We will keep the same format for our Guild Christmas Party: Pizza, salad and dessert. Tickets will remain the same as last year, which was 15.00. They will be available at the Hospitality Table during the November meeting. There will be a December 1st deadline for the tickets.

Hope everyone had a safe Halloween,

See you November 14th.

— *Jeanne Federico, Hospitality*
Jfederico2@comcast.net

Community Service

Do Good, Feel Good

The key to happiness is helping others.

Our annual Community Service Day will take place at our Open Studio on November 16th at Lyons Township Admin Building. We'll be making medicine bags for Dr. Becky Preston's mission trip to Ecuador in January. The medical staff distributes supplies to clients in these bags.

We'll also be making pairs of lovey hearts for Hinsdale Hospital's neonatal unit. These are used to help parents bond with their preemies via scent transfer. We'll have fabric, notions and instructions.

Optionally, you can supplement with your own half a fat quarter of cotton fabrics, 7" squares of flannel, and/or thin cotton batting.

Join us for a productive and satisfying day.

If you can't attend, you can always make items on your own. Instructions are on the SCQG website under Learning.

Help Us Hatch A Plan

Thank you to everyone who donated a lotto bird block. We received 36 blocks! We're looking for some volunteers to design and make a quilt with



them. Let your creativity fly! Possibilities include adding sashing, or alternate grid work, or a tiled Audubon bird-identification guide vibe. The sky's the limit with bird blocks!

Contact Joan Chao if interested in helping out.

— *Joan Chao*

Library

Just a reminder that if you borrowed any books at the last meeting, please return them at the November meeting - or email/ phone / talk to me to let me know you want to keep the book/s longer. Thanks. I can open up the bookcases where the books are stored and you can look at all of the library books if you are not sure what you want to see. Thanks to Kathy Tracey for her help at the October meeting.

— *Ann Olson*

Programs & Workshops

All classes are now on the website!

November

On November 14, Candace Graham will show us her Dresden Plate Quilts.

On Friday November 15. She will teach Dresden Plate Still Life. In this class, we will learn about color choices and how to make a variety of Dresden plate styles. The quilt will be our own design. There is a wait list for this class.



Bobbie Butler and her husband graciously made wood ironing bars. She has 8 remaining for \$4 each. Please contact her to save one for you to purchase at the meeting.

January

On January 9, we will hear a Zoom lecture from Cindy McChesney on Panel Quilts. She has written 2 books. Hopefully, she will fill your mind with creative ideas of how to make the panel that you love into a great quilt. On Saturday March 15, we will work on those panels during our Open Sew.

February

February 13 brings Natasha Lewis. She is a fiber artist who will be showing her garment collection.



She will be teaching a wet felting class on Friday February 14, 2025.

I have taken this class before, and it is fun and not messy! You will come home with a project that just needs to rest until it is dry. The \$60 fee includes the kit and class. Just show up!

The project has changed.

See the new project here →



Wet felting – Feb 14, 2025

March

Linda Halpin, a long-time quilter, develops clever construction techniques to make quilts.

On Friday March 14 she will teach Mexican Cross. This is a great pattern for using up those favorite fabrics you have been waiting to use. It also lends itself to a scrap quilt.



Mexican Cross – March 14

Her shortcut techniques make this complicated looking pattern a snap to make. The cutaways result in a second Bonus quilt.

One class-two quilts. Cool!

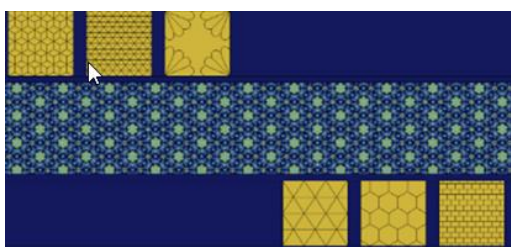
April

On April 10, 2025, Elizabeth DeCross will do a Zoom lecture on Pojagi – The art of Korean Quilting.

Pojagi is the name for traditional Korean sewing techniques used to make wrapping cloths. It has been around for hundreds of years, pre-dating quilting by centuries. She has adapted the traditional techniques to develop stained glass looking window treatments and quilts.



On Saturday April 12, 2025, Eileen Uchima will teach a class on Sashiko. We will be making a table runner using 2 colors of Sashiko thread that incorporates 6 designs.



A kit made by Eileen will be required for purchase. The sample is under construction. The coasters are an example of what we will learn.



May

Certified Laura Heine instructor, Linda Lambert will lecture about her journey as a quilter on May 8, 2025.

On Saturday May 9, we will do a Laura Heine Teeny pattern with winter characters. This was a super fun class where you walked out with the project nearly complete. A pattern and kit will need to be purchased. The pattern has 3 choices but the one most people chose was this guy →



Classes for members are \$40 excluding the Wet Felting class in February. The \$60 fee for that class includes the kit. You may sign up in person or using the web site. <https://www.saltcreekqg.org/>

Open Sews

Don't forget our Open Sew dates – see page 3 list of dates.

Quilt Show 2025

Every committee chair is on schedule in their preparations for the show. We're getting some very important things done behind the scenes.

What you'll see soonest are:

- Posters and bookmarks with Kim Siwinski's beautiful design
- The online entry form for your quilts

At the show, you'll see the vendors Fran is contacting, the raffle baskets Anne and Linda and their team are organizing, the bake sale goods Sara will be asking you to contribute, the results of the organizing efforts of every chair, and best of all, the quilts and other items all of you will have entered into the show or donated to the auction.

I really hope that each and every one of you will enter something into the show, so everyone in our group is represented.

Think creatively! Quilts are wonderful and the mainstay of the show, but if you're not ready to enter a full-sized quilt: Do you have a class project that's almost done? Do you have a small art project that could become a wall hanging? Do you have a quilted or embroidered garment that could be finished and shown?

As we see your entries, we may get new ideas about special exhibits. One of the current ideas we're thinking about is a display along the stage of the classes Salt Creek has offered, with examples of work done in those classes. I have a picture in my head of the pillows we made in Lynn Schmidt's class displayed on the stairs to the stage, with pictures or works from other classes displayed on easels or music stands along the front of the stage... but every idea we have now will evolve, depending on your work and your entries.

Keep working and enjoy the holidays!

- In January, volunteer signups will start.
- February is the deadline for entries of quilts and main-display items and the entry process for challenge entries will start
- In March, there are many deadlines – and the challenge quilts will be due.
- April 4th, we'll be setting up for the show that weekend!

— Barbara O'Brien

Short messages from some of our committee chairs:

Please keep the quilt auction in mind as you are working on your holiday projects. The donation form will be in the January Patch Dispatch.

— Sandy Migitz

Please pick up your tickets and sell, sell!

— Sandy Byrnes

Think about what you're going to bring for the Bake Sale!!!

— Sara Hochhauser

Quilt Show Entries

Are you getting excited about which of your quilts will be on display at our show in April? The success of our show depends on members entering their quilts. People come to a quilt show to see quilts and read their stories. Big ones, small ones, appliquéd, pieced, hand quilted, machine quilted...all types of quilts are wanted and appreciated. Think now about which quilts you have recently finished or are almost finished and will be ready to enter. You could use the show entry deadline as your motivation to start and finish a project you've wanted to do but have been putting off. Maybe you have an unusual quilt with an interesting story or history that should be displayed. Garments, bags, and other quilted items may also be entered and will be displayed at the show.

Entering your quilts or other items will be an easy process. You will fill out a Google form for each quilt you are entering. The form will have a question where you will upload a photo of your quilt or item. Emailing a photo to us will also be an option. Plan now to get your projects finished and ready for the show.

— Linda Johnson

Raffle Baskets

Now is the time to do some Fall cleaning by sorting through your stash and taking a second look at the kits, jelly rolls, layer cakes, patterns, panels and even yardage that you have bought. Will you ever make a quilt from any of these? If not, why not donate them to a raffle basket. If you are not able to fill a basket by yourself, we will put together baskets of like items.

We are hopeful that Quilting Bees will contribute baskets.

In case you need some more ideas for non-quilting baskets, here are a few:

- Chocolate basket filled with all things chocolate (I hear this one is really popular)
- Wine basket (with crackers, napkins, & perhaps a gift certificate from your favorite grocery store for cheese and grapes.)
- A grill basket filled with BBQ utensils, apron, potholders, etc. - think of something men who attend our show would be enticed to buy a ticket.

We will take donated items at the guild meetings, or if you can drop them off at my house. However, please give me an advance call (630-899-9821) to make sure that I am home. My address is: 5612 S. Garfield St., Hinsdale.

-- Linda Kennedy and Anne Zick

Meeting Minutes

Oct 10, 2024 Salt Creek Quilt Guild

President Linda Wolf welcomed us to the October meeting and reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She encouraged us to schedule our mammograms.

The September Minutes were approved. We welcomed a returning member, Betty Hirsch, and a new member, Stephanie Hoerr.

Financial Report: Carol Allegretti announced that we have a new twelve month CD. The Sept financial report was approved.

Salt Creek Quilters Guild			
Financial Summary for the month of September 2024			
Savings Account			
Ending Balance 9/30/24		\$	104.38
Certificate of Deposit 12/13 2024			
Beginning Balance 3/13/24		\$	11,900
	Unpaid interest to 9/30/24	\$	279.90 4.16% interes
Certificate of Deposit 9/19/25			
Beginning Balance 9/19/24		\$	15,000
	Unpaid interest to 9/30/24	\$	18.42 3.2% interest
	<i>Total</i>	\$	27,004.38
Checking Account			
Beginning Balance 9/1/24		\$	27,010.30
Second CD for 12 months			(15,000.00)
Income			2274.50
Expenses			(1,343.50)
Ending Balance 9/30/24		\$	12,941.30
Retreat January 2025			
		\$	4,500.00
Income			
PayPal : programs, membership, fabric sale(\$327.15)		\$	890.00
Programs: Meeting and Zelle			1,030.00
Membership			320.00
Garage Sale			34.50
		\$	2,274.50
Expenses			
September Speaker, workshop and travel		\$	1,237.50
Programs refund			20.00
Storage Locker			86.00
		\$	1,343.50

Committee Reports

Community Service: Joan Chao was unable to attend the meeting. She reminded members that Thursday was the last day to hand in our Bird Blocks and to submit Bird photos by Fri. Oct. 11. Also, we need someone to put the Bird Blocks together for a Bird Quilt.

The Open Sew in November will be a Community Service Day for Dr. Becky's Mission Trip.

Membership: Claudia Moffat announced that there were 47 members at the meeting and 1 on Zoom.

Hospitality: Jeanne Federico requested volunteers to help with the Christmas Party.

Retreat: Claudia Moffat announced that there are only four spaces available for the Jan. Retreat.

Bookmarks are available to be distributed. They feature upcoming Programs and the dates of SCQG meetings.

Programs: Marilyn Montgomery announced that there are openings in the Darlene Price Quiltscapes workshops (Fri. Oct. 11 and Sat. Oct. 12).

Marilyn described upcoming programs and classes. There are 22 members signed up for the Nov. Dresden Still Life Class with Candace Graham (limit 24).

Marilyn also reminded us about Open Sew dates.

Methods of payment were discussed: Paypal, check, cash or Zelle are options, but Zelle is preferred over Paypal (which charges a percentage).

Quilt Show: Barbara O'Brien presented the 2025 Quilt Show Plan. Members are encouraged to enter at least one quilt. Entries will be online with photos. Tickets for the

Quilt Show are ready for members to pick up from Sandy Byrnes.

Raffle Baskets: Anne Zick and Linda Kennedy are accepting donations for Raffle Baskets. Members are encouraged to donate gently used items for baskets. Wool is needed, for example. The deadline for donations is March.

A Beginning Quilt Class will be offered at the Burr Ridge Park District with instructor Karen Hambly.

Door Prizes: Jeanne Federico and Debbie Wesenberg won calendars and Quilt Folk magazines.

Linda Johnson announced there will be Quilting Classes at the Hinsdale Public Library on Nov. 7th. Also, there is an opportunity to display our quilts in the Quiet Reading Room at the library. Linda will provide more details.

Marilyn introduced our speaker, Darlene Price, who shared her beautiful Narrative Quilts and lovely stories.

Door Prizes: Jana McIlroy won a calendar and a Quilt Folk magazine.

Members' Showcase followed the drawing. The meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

-- Eileen Rann

