

# SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

May 2024

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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

*"There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind."* -C.S. Lewis

I can't say that I completely believe this statement from C.S. Lewis for all areas of life, but I do think it can be true for the Salt Creek Quilters Guild. It can be difficult for organizations to find a balance between following old ways and moving forward with new ideas. As organizations keep the old traditions, they might modify them, adapting them to make best use of new technologies, resources, and ideas.

In the last few years, we have kept the tradition of hosting lectures and workshops, but have done them in new ways. This year it has been wonderful to listen to speakers from Canada and Australia via Zoom. For workshops, the instructor and members signed in to Zoom from home and enjoyed the ease of not transporting machines and supplies to a workshop site but missed talking and sharing with others directly in the workshop. In April we hosted our first workshop with the teacher on Zoom and participants either gathered together in our classroom or signed in from home. Doing the workshop on Zoom enabled the guild to host a teacher from across the country without the costs of travel and lodging, yet participants in the classroom could share with and encourage each other to stretch their minds to new ways of creating quilts. Being able to adjust to these new ways puts the international world of quilting within easy and financially viable reach for our small guild.

Other traditional activities have also had some changes made, yet the original purpose of the activity is being achieved. The tradition of quilters retreating for a concentrated time of sewing and socializing has continued, but now has an additional

day. Our mostly monthly Open Studio days have become “mini-retreats”, a day for sewing, socializing, and learning from each other. School House is getting the new name “Salt Creek U” but will still be a series of small lessons and demonstrations done by members for members but it will be held at an Open Studio day instead of a monthly meeting night. We’ve also added some new activities to our program. There were the bus trips to the Wisconsin Quilt Museum and Shippshewana, and the Iron Quilter challenge event that provided some friendly competition among groups of sewers and also yielded three quilts for charity. Fabric sales and pizza nights were held to supplement our income.

Salt Creek Quilters Guild has been successful in adapting to changes in operations for these last few years because its leaders and members asked “What if...?” and then listened to new possibilities and implemented old ideas in new ways.

In this my last president’s message to the guild I want to thank all of the board members who asked and answered the “what ifs..?”, faithfully fulfilled their responsibilities, contributed ideas, and came up with solutions as challenges came. They also kept me on task and aware of everything that is needed to run this organization. I also want to thank all the members who participated in meetings and activities, and those who encouraged me in my leadership role.

So what’s next? There are creative and dedicated women remaining on the board as well as new members ready to step into board positions whose goal is to keep the guild moving in traditional and new directions. There will be many good times ahead, built on the traditions and accomplishments of the guild in its 43-year history. Now, go sew or create something!

— *Linda Johnson, President*

## Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of April 29, 2024. Expect updates via email blasts.

### May

9	Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30pm - Ruler Work Machine Quilting - Second Helping of 'In the Kitchen' Challenge - Nominations & Election
10	Friday Open Studio and Salt Creek U (Schoolhouse)
11	A Day with Rulers Workshop <b>(at Lyons Twp)</b>
18	Intro to Quilting at Hinsdale Library
21	What in Carnation workshop - Prairie Star Guild, class held in St. Charles 9-noon
21	Artist Trading Card - Prairie Star Guild, class held in St. Charles 6-9pm

### June

1	Barn quilt workshop through Itasca Quilters Guild (see article & attachment)
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**Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside**

# MAY ELECTION

## Officer Nominations for 2024-25

In May, we will vote on new officers for the upcoming Guild year. The following are the nominations for the positions we need to elect.

President	Linda Wolf
Vice President	Lisa Odom
Contracts	Ann Olson, Ellen Hohmann and Becky Preston
Membership	Claudia Moffat and Kim Siwinski
Hospitality	Jeanne Federico

In addition, we are looking for one or two people to chair Community Service. This is an opportunity to help the Guild in its mission to give back by organizing donations of quilts and other projects to various organizations. For more information please contact Lolly Gadja or Linda Wolf.

— *Linda Wolf, for the Nominating Committee*

***Pictures and biographies for nominated candidates new to these positions follow.***

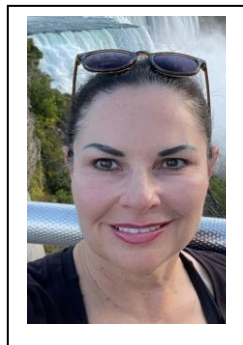
***Linda Wolf has served as our vice president this year and if elected will become our president.***

***Marilyn Montgomery has served as contracts chair this year and will move to programs for 2024-2025.***

### **Vice President Candidate: Lisa Odom**

Hello everyone, my name is Lisa Odom. I go by "Gisa Lisa" on Facebook and @CajunWonderWoman on Instagram. I was born in Houston and raised in Louisiana. I'm a recent transplant to Illinois.

My husband lives in Brownsburg, Indiana and I have a small place in Westchester. Mark Berman and I have been married for a



bit over 13 years and I split time between the two places. It appears the greatest way to stay married is to have separate houses!

After I retired from a thirty-year career in the Air Force with eight combat Flight Nurse deployments, I decided to take a break from nursing and follow a childhood dream to become a Flight Attendant. I now fly for United Airlines, which is why I moved to the Chicago area.

My quilting journey started as a fluke. In 2017 when stationed in Kansas, I called the Arts & Crafts center on base, the lady who answered said there was a quilting class - I said, great I'll take it. I missed the fine print stating you needed to know how to sew to take the class! I bought an inexpensive Janome on Amazon, some cheap fabric, thread, a rotary cutter, and showed up to class! The ability to sew a quarter inch seam tends to allude me!

I call myself a "Recreational Quilter" because I love creating art and not taking myself too seriously.

I am so excited about the guild! I'm excited to learn more about sewing and quilting. And I most excited about getting to know my fellow guild members. When you see me around, please introduce yourself!

### **Contracts Candidates: Ann Olson, Ellen Hohmann and Becky Preston**

#### **Ann Olson**

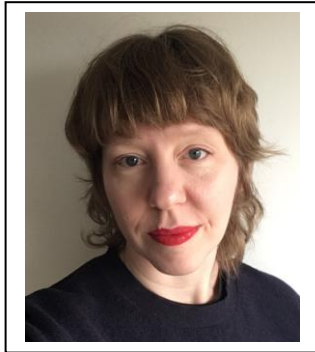
I have been a member of SCQG since 2012. I am currently the guild librarian and have been volunteering to make dog/pet beds and delivering to shelters for the last few years because I love animals. My husband and I have 3 grown children and 5 grand-cats, living in Seattle, MD and England. Luckily, we like to travel! I look forward to working on Contracts and Programs for the next 2 years with Becky and Ellen. I like investigating different teachers and classes and I think the



three of us can put together a good variety of lecturers and classes.

### Ellen Hohmann

I am a newish quilter and member of the guild, having started both in 2023. I have been sewing since I was a child, although my focus until now has been on clothing and costuming and have always made art in one form or another. My favorite aspect of quilting is the design and planning process, with particular interests in color theory and construction efficiency.



As co-chair for the Contracts committee, I will be looking for workshops and speakers targeted toward those who would like to refine their technical skills, but I also hope I will be able to bring in some fresh topics of interest for everyone. I currently work as a research administrator at Northwestern University, however I have many years of prior experience working in hospitality and event planning to draw upon in service of the Contracts committee as well as Programs in the future.

### Becky Preston

I started quilting in 1999 when my oldest niece, my youngest sister-in-law, and my SIL's best friend were all pregnant at the same time. Before that, I had made quilt designs in polymer clay. I quilt as a stress reliever and love playing with color. Making samples for a shop helped get me out of my comfort zone. I love quilts with lots of different blocks and controlled scrappy quilts, and tend toward brighter colors. I work both by machine and by hand.



The picture is from a recent mission trip to Mexico, perfectly timed with the mango harvest.

## Membership Candidates: Claudia Moffatt and Kim Siwinski

### Claudia Moffatt

I have been a member of Salt Creek Quilters Guild since 2001. My attraction to quilts started in my 20's when I started collecting vintage and antique quilts. My own first quilts were made by copying some of the quilts I collected and through books.



Lately, my interest has mostly been in art quilting and dyeing fabric, but I still love all types of quilts and quilters.

I have been membership cochair in the past, and our focus is to be welcoming to everyone and making this a fun and active place to be.

### Kim Siwinski

I learned to sew as a child, my Mom and grandmother sewed, and I made a lot of my own clothes, patterns and fabrics were relatively inexpensive at that time. I even sewed for my daughter when she was little. However, as many of us know, life gets busy and sewing clothes got set aside, besides clothes got less expensive to buy, and fitting correctly wasn't an issue any longer. Making a quilt was always on my to-do list so when my daughter moved out, her room became my sewing room, I ordered a book about quilting and started with a table runner.



When my old machine died, I asked Claudia about buying one from her, she happened to mention that she had a few extras. She then invited me to come to a guild meeting and either Jackie Gering or Jane Sassaman were the speakers. Needless to say, I was hooked and joined the guild that night, it was in 2014. I've always loved textiles and "making" things, and the guild has helped fuel that desire.

## Hospitality Candidate: Jeanne Federico

I have been sewing since 7th grade and quilting for 30 plus years.

I am so glad that I joined the Guild. It has been a wonderful opportunity to learn new techniques, socialize with other quilters and give back to others through charity quilts. I love participating in the Charity bee. Organizing the retreat several years ago was a great way to meet members of the Guild.



I welcome the chance to greet members through the hospitality table.



## News & Announcements

### Upcoming Quilt Shows to Know About:

May 4-5 near Rockford, IL  
Sinnissippi Quilters  
Indoor Sports Center - 8800 Riverside Blvd  
Loves Park, IL

Sept 5-7 - The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show  
Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Oct 11-12 – Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild of  
Morris, IL  
Channahon United Methodist Church

Oct 18-19 – Prairie Star Quilt Guild  
DuPage Event Center and Fairgrounds

### Programs at other Quilt Guilds:

The Itasca Quilters Guild is sponsoring a Barn Quilt Workshop on Sat. June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Itasca Community Library at 500 W. Irving Park Road. You can make one 24 x 24 board or two 12 x 12 boards. Go to [www.citysistercountrysister.org](http://www.citysistercountrysister.org) and click on Gallery at the top. Scroll through all the different designs you can choose from and the color combinations.

The designs are routed onto the wood board so it is easy to follow and apply the paint. If you can color inside the lines, you can do this!

You will choose your design before the workshop. The workshop goes from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Cost is \$85.00 which includes the board, paint, brushes, instructions, etc. The completed board can be displayed indoors or outdoors.

Please check your calendars and let me know if you are seriously interested in attending.

Contact: [lugoetz2@hotmail.com](mailto:lugoetz2@hotmail.com)

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Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild of Morris, IL is excited to host Krista Moser in June and we're inviting area quilters to share the fun!

- Trunk show June 6
- Workshops June 7-8

*(See posters that will be sent after the newsletter)*

**Debbie Wesenberg is looking to borrow some sashiko stencils. Her plan is to teach her grandsons the basic stitches. Please contact her if you can help:**

**Debbie Wesenberg, 708-712-5587**

# MAY MEETING & EVENTS

## Hospitality

Thank-you to everyone who brought tasty treats to the April meeting. There were a lot of positive comments about the goodies on offer! For the May meeting, we are at the end of the alphabet (V-Z) for bringing in treats and anyone who has not brought goodies to a meeting this year.

Enjoy your summer and find some time for fun quilting projects!

-- Fran Colby, Hospitality

## Second Helping of our "In the Kitchen Challenge" in May

By popular demand, we will have a second showing of the quilts from our "In the Kitchen Challenge" that were first shown at our September meeting. So if you made a quilt for that challenge, please bring it to the May meeting. Pin an index card with your name and name of your quilt to the corner of your quilt. If you will not be at the May meeting, please make arrangements to have someone else bring your challenge quilt to the meeting.

To emphasize quilters 'in the kitchen', we are asking for a few volunteers to make a recipe from a quilt book for the treats table. The two books we are highlighting are: Quilts of Iceland by Gudrun Erla and Quilt Recipes by Jen Kingwell. If you have a finished quilt from either of these books, please bring it to the May Member Showcase.

--Joan Chao

## Programs & Workshops

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.

**LAST CHANCE! 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.

## MAY

**May 9, 2024 Thursday**  
**Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wesenberg**  
**Lecture 7:00 pm**

**"Rulerwork for the Home Machine – How It Works – Is It for Me?"**

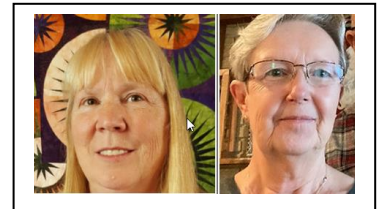
Quilting with rulers is the latest trend in free motion quilting. Learn about this new technique that will "up your quilting game".

**May 10, 2024 Friday**  
**Open Studio with optional Salt Creek U**  
**(formerly Schoolhouse) Sessions (see**  
**separate article)**

**May 11, 2024 Saturday**  
**Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wesenberg**  
**Workshop 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**"A Day with Rulers – From Practice to Perfect"**

Quilting with rulers is the latest in free motion quilting skills that everyone wants to try, and most think it is too difficult. DK Studios has created a line of rulers and templates to allow you to create stunning designs and teaches you how to use them. Using the correct tools and techniques, allows quilting with rulers to be fun and creative.



Join us for a hands-on class with an instructor who has been free motion quilting for years and loves ruler work. We will have stitched samples of all the rulers & templates for you to review. We will have marking templates, marking utensils and lots of templates for you to try out. We will also have an instructional handout for you to take home.





Students will need a ruler foot for the class. Debbie Wesenberg has a list of what foot is needed for specific machines.


--Joan Chao, Programs chair

## Salt Creek U (formerly Schoolhouse) at May Open Studio

We're planning a Schoolhouse at our May Open Studio on May 10. This popular event is where our own members volunteer to teach a technique or demo a project to other members in a 20 minute session. We will have 5 presentations staggered throughout the day. Members can attend presentations that interest them between working on their own projects at Open Studio.

### Class Schedule for Friday, May 10

10:00	Attention! Pentagon Bowls	
	Instructor: Arlene Forst	
	Five-star demo on how to make a 5-sided fabric bowl	
11:00	Tricks for Using Minky When It's Too Slinky	
	Instructor: Sara Hochhauser	
	Learn how to stabilize minky using a kitchen product!	
1:00	Beneath the Words	
	Instructor: Marilyn Montgomery	
	Demo on how to trace a design or words onto your embroidery project.	
2:00	Hail Mary Binding	
	Instructor: Carol Allegretti	
	Tricks for when you are in a bind with not enough fabric for binding	

3:00	Absurd Bird Blocks	
	Instructor: Joan Chao	
	Summer project making bird blocks using the Lotto Bird pattern	

## Absurd Birds Quilt Project

Here's a fun summer project! Make 2 Lotto Bird blocks (6.5 x 9.5 inches unfinished). Use scraps. Any color, prints or solids. Links to video instructions and / or printed instructions are below. Customize your blocks to give your birds a unique personality!

Donate one block to help us make a baby-size charity quilt in the fall. Please avoid embellishments such as beads or sequins that might come off and become choking hazards.

Bring the other block with you on your summer travels / activities. Take a photo of your bird block in front of a landmark, beautiful scenery or any fun activity. At the end of summer, submit the photo with you name, bird's name and a description of where the photo was taken. We'll collect them and create an "Absurd Birds Summer Adventures" scrapbook.

--Joan Chao

Link to video

[www.missouriquiltco.com/blogs/missouri-star-quilting-tutorials/block-lotto-bird-block](http://www.missouriquiltco.com/blogs/missouri-star-quilting-tutorials/block-lotto-bird-block)

Link to printed instructions:

[www.blocklotto.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/BirdBlockDirectionsV2.pdf](http://www.blocklotto.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/BirdBlockDirectionsV2.pdf)

## Absurd Bird Quilt Pictures:



Quilt by Kathleen Herbach



Metropolis, IL

## Membership

Thanks to all who have already submitted your membership renewal! We're moving right along.

For those of you who haven't renewed yet, please do so! Let's be nice to the incoming membership chairs by having next year's dues paid up. You can use the Google form through the link below and pay on the website via Paypal or Zelle, or you can print

out the PDF file attached and pay by check (mail to DeAnn, listed at bottom of form). I think next year is going to be awesome and you won't want to miss any of the upcoming programs or your Guild friends! Thanks.

This is the link to the online form.

<https://forms.gle/YWfwUguZoojxVWkP8>

--DeAnn Ellis

## Community Service

It has been a busy year for Community Service as the 2023-2024 Guild calendar year draws to a close [not to say our quilting stops].

Members have been very productive and were able to donate 20+ beautiful quilts to the DePaul DAX students and currently we are all caught up according to Stacey, our DAX coordinator. Stacey will keep in touch in case needs change and when students enroll in September. If you are considering donating a quilt for the DAX students, the recommended size is 72x84.

Dr. Becky was so pleased with the eyeglass cases, wash clothes, cloth medicine bags and the Lovey flannel hearts for the babies and parents. A thank you to our members for contributing their skill and hard work to these Community Service projects. The medical mission trips are always in need of these items if you'd like to make more.

Instructions are available on the Salt Creek web page under Learning and also on our Facebook page under Files.

We also continue to have quilt kits available for smaller quilts. There are a variety of kits to choose from and would be perfect to work on over the summer months ahead. Some kits contain coordinating fabrics, and you can choose your own assembly design. Or you can choose a kit with precut fabrics and a pattern included. There are also quilt sandwiches that need quilting and binding for completion.

So be sure to stop by the Community Service table. We're offering lots of fun to keep you busy for the upcoming lazy, hazy days of summer!

-- Lolly Gadja, Community Service



## Library

I will take books out of the bookcase for anyone to borrow at the meeting. You will be able to keep the books till September! If you have a subject or author you would like to see a book, please let me know. A printed list of books will be at the meeting. Thanks DeAnn for printing it.

Kathy Tracey has agreed to help me at the May meeting. Thanks.

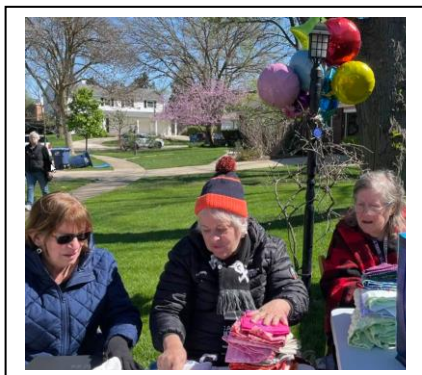
— Ann Olson

## Fabric Sale Update

What a success! Through the efforts of over 35 hands-on volunteers we had a very successful and fun SCQG Fabric Sale. We accumulated fabric from many donations. Despite the 10 degrees below normal, aka cold, weather we cleared over \$7300. We saved several large pieces of fabric for backings and other fabrics for future use. The remaining fabric was donated to The Economy Shop in Oak Park and to Faithful Circle Quilt Guild to support their charity quilts and quilt show. Many FC members shopped our sale.

Many thanks to all the hard workers who made this possible.

-- Marilyn Montgomery and Barbara O'Brien



## Preview of Next Year's Programs

Here is the exciting line-up for the 2024-2025 programs. We have a variety of speakers and fun classes. Many classes have kit opportunities. Most of the class projects can be largely completed during the class period. Our class location remains at the Lyons Township Building on Joliet Road in Countryside. There will be a sew-in day each month there also. Some Bonus plans include a day to make a quilt with a partner and a day where we will work on making that panel you love into a quilt.

[\(See the attached poster for more pictures!\)](#)

-- Marilyn Montgomery

Thursday, Sept 12	Yellow Creek – Jill Shaulis Quilter 
Friday, Sept 13	Ruler Box woolies 
Thursday, Oct 10	Darlene Price, Landscape Quilter
Oct 11- 12	Landscape Quilts and Thread Painting
Thursday, Nov 14	Candace C. Graham – Dresden Plate Revisited
Nov 15	Dresden Still Life
Thursday, Jan 9	Cindy McChesney – Panel Quilt Zoom
Jan 11	Open Sew – Quilt in a Day Teams
Thursday, Feb 13	Natasha Lewis – fiber artist
Feb 14	Wet Felting
Thursday, March 13	Linda Halpin – Quilter
March 14	Mexican Cross

Thursday, April 10	Elizabeth DeCroos – Pojagi – The Art of Korean Quilting
April 12	Eileen Uchima – Sashiko
Thursday, May 8	Linda Lambert – Collage Quilting
May 9	Laura Heine Collage Quilting

## Meeting Minutes

### April 11, 2024 Salt Creek Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

President Linda Johnson welcomed us to the meeting at 7p.m. There were 40 members present, including two new members: Lynette Anderson and Barb Gunderson. The Heritage Quilt Guild was visiting with their beautiful Opportunity Quilt from Lockport, IL.

March meeting Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol Allegretti presented the march report and it was approved.

Salt Creek Quilters Guild			
Financial Summary for the month of March 2024			
<b>Savings Account</b>			
Beginning Balance 3/1/24		\$	104.34
Interest		\$	0.04
Ending Balance 3/29/24		<b>\$</b>	<b>104.38</b>
<b>Certificate of Deposit 12/13 2024</b>			
Beginning Balance 3/13/24		\$	11,900
Unpaid interest 3/29/24		\$	28.51
<b>Checking Account</b>			
Beginning Balance 3/1/24		\$	23,566.11
<b>Income</b>			447.00
<b>Expenses</b>			(1,250.00)
Ending Balance 3/29/24		<b>\$</b>	<b>22,763.11</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Membership			100.00
Programs			190.00
Garage Sale			157.00
			<b>447.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
March Speaker		\$	400.00
March program			734.00
Workshop refund			30.00
Storage Locker			86.00
		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>

## Western Springs Library Display

**Nominating Committee:** Linda Wolf presented the slate for next year. Linda Johnson discussed the positions that were still open. Lisa Odom volunteered to be the next vice president. A Contracts co-chair is still needed.

**Pizza Fundraiser:** Sandy Taylor announced that the Fundraiser made \$285.62. She thanked members for their participation.

**Fabric Sale:** Marilyn Montgomery and Barbara O'Brien said they have 4,500 yards of fabric! There will be a pre-sale for SCQG members only on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm after setup is finished. They announced the winners of the Fabric Contest and thanked all volunteers.

**Senior Service Day:** Linda Johnson reminded members about the Senior Services Day at Hinsdale Community House on Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> where our guild will be represented.

**Programs:** Joan Chao announced that there will be no Open Studio on Fri. Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>. ( Fabric Sale prep day) There will be an Orphan Block Workshop with Christina Cameli on Sat. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> (a 3 hr. Workshop.)

The May lecture will be on Ruler Work with Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wesenberg. Also, in May members are invited to bring back their "In the Kitchen" Quilts and to make quilt-related treats for the May meeting.

Salt Creek U (May Open Studio) will feature demonstrations of various techniques by members.

Marilyn Montgomery presented a preview of 2024-2025 programs. With Friday Workshops and Sat. Open Studios. All speakers will be in-person.

**Door Prize:** Lynn Smetana

Joan Chao has a quilt at the upcoming Paducah Quilt Show!

Dr. Becky thanked members for their contributions for her Mission in Mexico.

Claudia Moffat reported on next year's Retreat.

Our speaker for the evening, Bridget O' Flaherty, gave a thought-provoking lecture on "How to be a Green Quilter and Sustainability in Quilting"

**Door Prize:** Bobbie Butler

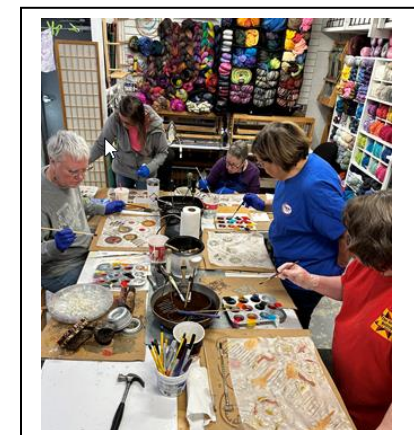
**Membership Showcase:** Joan Chao displayed the lovely pieces from the Wax Resist Dyeing Workshop and members showed their Caohagan Island Quilts from the October Workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07p.m

— Eileen Rann



# Photos from the Wax-Resist Dyeing Workshop



## “All Are Welcome” Workshop Recap

Our hybrid April workshop welcomed instructor Christina Cameli, 3 attendees on zoom and a room full of sewists. With plenty of collaborative suggestions, we designed beautiful new creations from our orphan blocks and fabric scraps!

