

# 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*

# SALT CREEK QUILTERS GUILD

September 2024



## President's Message

*Quilting is the art of turning scraps into treasures.*

I'm looking forward to all the good things coming to the guild this

year! We have a great lineup of speakers and workshops, and planning is well under way for our quilt show and auction in early April.

It was great to have a chance to gather this summer with Open Sew days on Tuesday evenings at Harvester Park, and once a month at the Township of Lyons. Hope you had a chance to come to some of these.

Maybe you traveled with your Bird; I had fun with that in Italy. I'm getting ready for a tour of the Vatican and Sistine Chapel in this photo. And I had fun celebrating my dad's 100th birthday.

I hope you have been able to have time for sewing this summer. I'm trying to complete several projects, but somehow I keep finding new ones to start too. Squirrel?...

I hope that being part of this guild, you find inspiration and fellowship. Get involved in a Bee, make a quilt for charity or for our auction, make something to put into our quilt show, make something to give away or keep yourself. Just the process of making quilts can be a joy in itself. It's an amazingly creative craft. Have fun!

See you at the September meeting!!

— Linda Wolf, President

# Guild Calendar

Summary calendar with information received as of August 30, 2024. Expect updates via email blasts. The Lyons Township building is at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside.

## September

- 12 Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30pm - Jill Shaulis from Yellow Creek Designs
- 13 Woolies Class
- 14 Saturday Open Studio

## October

- 10 Thursday SCQG Meeting - 6:30pm -Darlene Price trunk show
- 11 Lacey Beach Landscape Class
- 12 Dune Beach with Thread Painting Class

## News & Announcements

### Upcoming Quilt and Fiber Art Shows:

**September 5-7** (Thursday-Saturday)  
The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show  
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI

**September 21-22** (Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4)  
2024 Harvest of Quilts  
Heritage Quilters Guild  
Liberty Junior High School  
151 Lenox Street, New Lenox, IL

**September 24-October 12**  
The Fiber Art Divas present their annual Fiber Art Show and Sale at the Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery, 508 North Center St in Naperville, IL. This year, the show will also feature a guest trunk show by members of the Professional Art Quilt Alliance (PAQA). **An artist reception will take place on Sunday, September 29 from 2-4 pm.** See [www.napervilleartleague.com](http://www.napervilleartleague.com) for Gallery hours to visit at other times.

**October 11-12** (Friday-Saturday 9-4)  
Home is Where Our Quilts Are  
Pieces of the Heart Quilt Guild  
Channahon United Methodist Church  
24751 W. Eames St. (Rt. 6), Channahon, IL

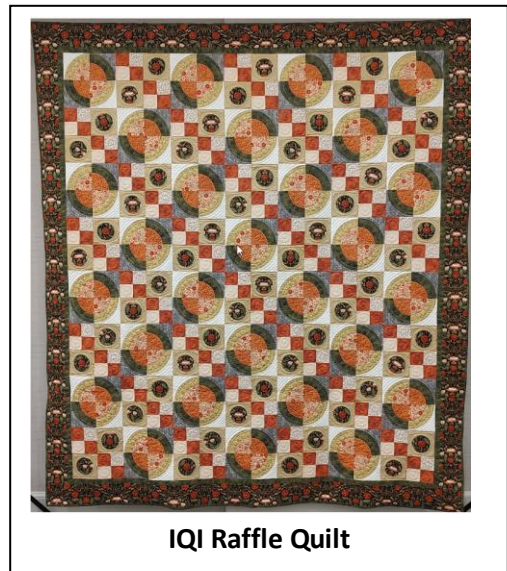
**October 18-19** (Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-4)  
Prairie Star Quilt Guild  
DuPage County Fairgrounds  
2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL

**October 25-26** (Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4)  
Harvest of Quilts 2024  
DeKalb County Quilt Guild  
Federated Church, 612 W. State Street,  
Sycamore, IL

**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



**IQI Raffle Quilt**

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### From Other Quilt Guilds:

**September 17** 10am-10pm

*The Itasca quilters are having a fundraiser. Please visit the **Culvers in Addison on Sept 17th between 10am and 10pm**. Mention us or bring in the flyer to support our fundraising efforts.*

*(flyer is not attached to our SCQG newsletter, but if you're in or near Addison that day, please consider supporting your fellow quilters)*

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### Member News:

Lisa Odom's quilt was accepted for Houston, see the article and picture on page 7

## Membership

Welcome Back Everyone!!

We hope everyone is rested and ready to put on a Great Show in the spring.

Claudia and I will be taking checks for membership renewal at the September meeting. You can also pay on the website. [www.saltcreekqg.org](http://www.saltcreekqg.org)

We would also like to invite all **New Members for the last two years**, to an afternoon tea at Claudia Moffat house on Sept 7th from 2-4.

We will be sending emails with more information and details soon.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting.

-- Claudia Moffat and Kimberly Siwinski

## Hospitality

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

To give you a preview of the food schedule, we will follow this schedule:

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

If you forget or are not able to bring food for your scheduled meeting, you can always bring something for the next meeting.

Remember food can be homemade or purchased, healthy or indulgent, savory or sweet - anything is great!

The Illinois Quilters Inc. will have a table at our first meeting. They will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt. Tickets will be available at their table.

The Hospitality table is a great way to meet fellow Guild members. If anyone would like to help at the meetings, please let me know and I will add you to the group.

See you at the Hospitality table!

-- Jeanne Federico, Hospitality

## Salt Creek Retreat 2025

**When:** Jan 24, 25, 26 2025 – Friday to Sunday

**Where:** Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien IL

**Cost:** \$225/person-double occupancy,  
\$295/person single occupancy,  
\$170 Commuter  
5 meals included for all

If you are new to our guild, you may not know about our annual retreat. It is a fun weekend of sewing, eating, learning, and bonding with your fellow guild members.

No theme, no prizes, no games. Just a relaxing time to finish your (show!) quilts, with no cooking or cleaning to do.

I will start taking checks and forms at the September meeting. Currently, there is no plan to take credit cards.

We will only take 35 members, so get your forms in soon!

-- Claudia Moffat

## Absurd Bird Blocks Come Home to Roost

Many of you had fun with Absurd Bird Blocks over the summer! We can't wait to see them. They are due at the October guild meeting.

**Donate your blocks for a charity quilt:** Blocks should be 6.5 x 9.5 inches unfinished. Bring them to the September or October guild meeting.

### **Submit photos of fun summer**

**travels/activities with your bird blocks:** Email your photo to [SCQGSpecialprojects@gmail.com](mailto:SCQGSpecialprojects@gmail.com)

by October 11. Include your name and a description of where the photo was taken (city, state and/or country). Include a short description if it helps. If you posted photos on Facebook, please resubmit them to the gmail account listed above, as this is where we will collect them for an "Absurd Birds Summer Adventures" project. Note that the yet-to-be-determined project may display your photo in public at the quilt show or on social media, so if you don't want it shown to the public at large, don't submit your photo.

Get in on the fun and make a bird block. There is still time to participate. Here are the instructions for making a Lotto Bird.

### **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)

-- Joan Chao



The Bean, Chicago

## Library

Happy back to fall and the quilt guild meetings! A reminder to anyone who borrowed a book(s) in May, please return it at the September meeting. If you want to keep a book longer, or if you cannot come to the meeting, please let me know by email or by phone or text.

Thanks

-- Ann Olson

## Quilt Show 2025

I hope everyone had a creative and productive summer!

We really want as many of your quilts as possible for the show. Think about the quilts you've completed, those you own, the quilts you're working on now and your planned next projects. Think about which of these you might want to show off to everyone - with all of our beautiful creations.

There will be a quilt challenge for this show. Details and instructions will be available at the September guild meeting at the quilt show table, along the fabric to be included.

Our venue, the Highlands Middle School, is reserved. I think this will be a good space for our show – everything is on one level and close together, so the show, auction and vendors will be easily accessible to all of our visitors.

We've signed and paid for a full-service contract with a rack provider. This contract has the rack company putting up and taking down the racks themselves. We'll just have to hang our quilts ourselves. This contract was surprisingly reasonable in price and will save us a lot of effort and time climbing up ladders and handling large pieces of metal.

Planning and organization for the quilt show continues:

- All committee chair positions are now filled.
- The chairs and I will be meeting through the next few weeks to complete plans, set deadlines and make decisions.
- Admission tickets are coming – probably by the October meeting or sooner. FYI for new members, we ask everyone to try to sell tickets or to buy tickets themselves to give to friends, family and neighbors. It's your chance to publicize the show.

As we get closer to the show, we will be asking you to volunteer time for all of the necessary show functions, and to contribute to the basket raffle and bake sale as well. *Volunteering at the show is fun!*

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far, everyone considering volunteering, and everyone who honestly said they couldn't do it right now but have volunteered in the past or might do so in the future. This is our biggest group project for the guild and all of us are key to our successes.

And at the board meeting last night we decided on the name of the quilt show:

### ***A Kaleidoscope of Quilts***

Back to my sewing machine –

-- Barbara O'Brien

## **Quilt Auction 2025**

Thank you to the members who responded to the Quilt Show Survey.

There were two comments that I felt needed clarification. They were:

- 'could we do an auction separate from the show' and
- 'I don't think there were enough people bidding (other than fellow quilters)'.

The idea of having an auction separate from the show was discussed. In addition to having to rent space, there was some concern whether anyone would come and bid. As it was the first time, it was decided to have it during the show.

Out of 77 people who signed up for a bidder card only 19 of them were members. There were members who were recruited to handle the proxy bids. There were 50 proxy bids placed by members/guests who could not be at the auction. Some quilts had multiple bids and proxy bidders were able to place proxy bids on more than one quilt. Out of the 80 items that were auctioned, members took home 11 quilts. The 69 quilts remaining were taken home by the public.

Your guild will be doing another auction. Please think about donating an item or more to this endeavor. In addition, start talking to your family, friends, strangers, etc. about the wonderful opportunity they could have to own a quilt made by a fellow member.

-- Sandy Migitz

**Editor's Note:** At the board meeting last night, Sandy was asked if she had guidelines for what quilts members should contribute. Summarizing that discussion:

- The auction isn't going to limit or recommend specific types of contributions
- What we found at the last show is that different bidders like different items
- We can't say that one type of item was more or less profitable than other types

## Programs & Workshops

We are here! I am very excited about the lineup of speakers and programs that we have scheduled this Guild year. We have a broad range of quilting styles and projects that I believe you will find interesting and fun. The goal is to offer classes where we learn new techniques. Most projects can be largely completed in the class session. Also, most days following the class will be an open sew session. The Fall speakers and classes are detailed below.

### September

On Thursday September 12, we will hear Jill Shaulis from Yellow Creek Designs speak about her long career in the quilting world. Jill is well known for her wool designs as well as her scrap quilt designs.

Many have signed up for our September Woolies Class on Friday September 13, but we have room for more. These quilts are so cute in the wood ruler boxes that I believe you will be making them for quick gifts and instant decorations. You may order the kits from Jill at <https://yellowcreekquilt designs.com> The ruler boxes may be ordered at <https://www.meandmystitches.com/> Jill will bring your pattern to the meeting if you ask her. You can bring your own threads. We will have DMC floss for sale at bargain prices!

Tom Turkey



Leaves



Just a Swingin'



### October

The happiest time of **Darlene Price's** life has been since 2013 when she began quilting. Her trunk show on **October 10** displaying her thread painting and landscape quilts should be awesome.

Darlene will offer her **Beautiful Landscape classes**. We are offering the **Lacey Beach Landscape Class on Friday October 11** and **Dune Beach with Thread Painting on Saturday October 12**. Darlene will show us the use of color placement to achieve distance and embellishment to achieve texture. I have seen some cool landscape quilts on Pinterest that use laces and gauze with interesting effects. These are simple to do, but the color placement and embellishment make the quilts fun and visually interesting

Friday October 11, 2024 9am-3pm  
**Lacey Beach**



Saturday October 12, 2024 9am-3pm  
**Dune Beach Thread painting**



## **November**

Candace C. Graham has taken the Dresden Plate block to the next level. Her combination of Dresden Plate styles and their placement achieves playful and stunning quilts. We will hear her story and see her trunk show on **November 14**.

Did you know that a section of a wood handrail piece can be used to iron tricky seams?

We will find how out that works as well as learn a variety of Dresden plate styles and sizes can make for a very effective quilt. On **Friday November 15**, Candy will teach **Dresden Still Life**. In this class we will begin with a photo or picture of a vase of flowers. You will create your own masterpiece by designing the vase, background and the Dresden blocks that will be uniquely yours. We will use a 30° ruler.



## **Open Sew Days**

**Fall Open Sew days** at the Lyons Township Building at 6404 Joliet Road. Use the rear entrance. Work on your own projects. If you are taking a class the previous day, you may safely leave your machine and supplies overnight. They are listed below:

Saturday September 14, Saturday November 15, Friday December 13 and Saturday December 14

— Marilyn Montgomery

## **Accepted to Houston - Lisa Odom**

My quilt, "Summer Days and Hot Tabasco Nights" has been selected for inclusion in the International Quilt Show - Special Exhibition in Houston this year.

It is 65" x 65" made from Silk Tabasco ties from the 1990's and various Batik fabrics.

I'm from Louisiana and visited the Tabasco factory on Avery Island when I was in elementary school. The green background in the quilt is reminiscent of the fresh Spanish moss growing on the live oak trees.

During my military career, no matter what part of the world I was in - be it stateside or deployed, you could always count on there being a Tabasco bottle in every dining facility or chow hall.

My friend Rita Ortiz custom quilted it and Sara Hochhauser did the binding and attached a sleeve on it for display.

— Lisa Odom



## Meeting Minutes

### May 9, 2024 Salt Creek Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

President Linda Johnson welcomed us to the May Meeting. There were four guests and four new members: Karen Hamby, Cynthia O'Deay, Susan Siegler and Marie Zahorick.

April meeting Minutes were approved.

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

Salt Creek Quilters Guild			
Financial Summary for the month of April 2024			
<b>Savings Account</b>			
Ending Balance 4/30/24		\$	104.38
<b>Certificate of Deposit 12/13 2024</b>			
Beginning Balance 3/13/24		\$	11,900
Unpaid interest 4/30/24		\$	68.00
<b>Checking Account</b>			
Beginning Balance 4/1/24		\$	22,763.11
<b>Income</b>			10,969.87
<b>Expenses</b>			(1,686.55)
Ending Balance 4/30/24		\$	32,046.43
<b>Income</b>			
Fabric Sale		\$	7,377.08
PayPal transfer			1,528.79
Membership			1,430.00
Programs			430.00
Garage Sale			204.00
		\$	10,969.87
<b>Expenses</b>			
Wax Resist Workshop		\$	720.00
April Speaker			228.79
April Workshop			550.00
Workshop refund			10.00
Cash boxes and Scale			83.35
Banking fees ( \$5.61 refunded 5/1, \$2.80 square fee)			8.41
Storage Locker			86.00
		\$	1,686.55

#### Election of Officers:

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

The slate was approved and duly elected.

**Membership:** Jo Murphy said there were numerous membership renewals in the last month and at the meeting.

**Community Service:** Lolly urged members to pick up quilt kits to make over the summer.

**Library:** Ann Olson reminded members that they can keep any books they borrow until Sept.

**Quilt Show:** Barbara O'Brien reported that the church where the last show was held is not an option. They are looking for a new venue and welcome suggestions (parking is a big factor.) They hope to have info in Sept. Possible dates in spring or early summer 2025.

**Fabric Sale:** Marilyn Montgomery announced the Fabric Contest Winners:

Anne Zick, Barbara O'Brien, Joan Chao, Linda Wolf, Pat Ciszewski and Kathy Tracey were given gift cards from Top Shelf Quilts.

**Programs:** Joan Chao: In the Kitchen Challenge quilts were on display at our meeting along with treats from quilt-related recipes.

Joan said that The May Ruler Workshop is full.

May Open Studio Salt Creek U will feature 20 minute demos by various members throughout the day.

Joan showed us her Absurd Birds blocks, our summer project. (the Lotto Bird Pattern)

**Programs 2024-2025:** Marilyn Montgomery described upcoming Workshops for fall and winter next year

**Retreat:** Claudia Moffat announced the dates Jan. 24,25 and 26th 2025 of our next Retreat. Sign-ups in Sept.

**Door Prizes:** Becky Preston and Karen Walton

Joan Chao presented Bobbie Butler and Debbie Wessenberg who introduced us to various templates and Rulers for machine quilting. (Ruler Work).

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#### Members Showcase

The meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m

— Eileen Rann



