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APRIL 2021-MAY 2021

Sinnissippi Quilters meet on the first Thursday each month by Zoom. (unless announced otherwise). Afternoon Zoom Meeting @ 1:00 when scheduled.

Evening Zoom meeting is at 1 and 6:30 PM. Most meetings have a scheduled program followed by a business session. We invite quilters of all skill levels and their guests to attend. The guest fee is \$10.00 in person meetings when held at:

Bethesda Covenant Church
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INFORMATION

Next ZOOM meeting - Thursday, April 1 @ 1PM & 6:30 PM.

ZOOM invitations will come by email a couple of days before meeting. Please notify Bonnie Hodina if you do not receive it.

Don't forget to bring the following to all meetings: Show and Tell items, Nametag, Special project items to show and your coffee mug.

Newsletter Articles for the April/May 2021 newsletter are due by March 20th for distribution by the end of March.

PLEASE EMAIL articles to Michelle Watson.

Happy Spring! I love seeing the crocus blooming in my yard! It is so uplifting! I'm also feeling optimistic that as more of us are vaccinated, we may consider meeting in the church again. I would love to hear from you about this. Is it time? When we do, I have some plans about how we will watch the zoom speakers as a group. We have wonderful programs coming up, so let's hope we can watch them together.

I hope everyone is getting items together to sell or show at ArtScene in April. We have been continuing to plan and it's very exciting. You can find the form to submit for each of your quilts, wall hangings, or other items in forms on the website.

I want to thank Pam and Linda and all who participated in the neonatal sew-in. It was a wonderful success and fun sewing together on zoom!

So, watch your email for the Monthly Zoom link and instructions on if we will be meeting together. There is still a limit of 25 so watch too, for how you will sign up. *Happy Sewing, Bonnie*

Quick Calendar

APRIL 2021- "Now you see it, now you don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks " by Brita Nelson

MAY 2021- CHALLENGES 1 - Accept the Challenge & win a prize by Diane Martha

June 2021- English Paper Piecing vs. Foundation Paper Piecing by Tina Craig

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All phone numbers have been removed please refer to
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Contact Michelle Watson

Rates per year:

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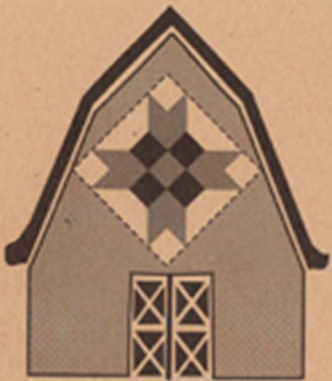
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PROGRAMS

Month	Speaker	Topic/website
April 2021	Brita Nelson	Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks https://questioningquilter.com/classes/ https://youtu.be/hcGF5Gbd4pc
May 2021	Diane Murtha	Challenges I – Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize http://www.dianelmurtha.com/lecture-and-workshops.php
June 2021	Tina Craig	English Paper Piecing vs Foundation Paper Piecing: The Showdown http://seaside-stitches.blogspot.com/p/lectures-and-workshops.html
July 2021		Ice Cream Social – More information to come

UFO Challenge Winners:

February: Sherry DeBuhr

March: Julie Cuccinelli

For those of you who have yet to complete a UFO, but turned in your information, you are still eligible for the monthly drawing if you complete your project for the month.

For the April meeting, you need to complete #3 On your UFO list.

May's speaker is **Diane Murtha**. She is going to be talking quilt challenges. Here is the description from her website:

Challenges I – Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize

An informative and humorous perspective on my quilt challenge experiences, including a trunk and slide show. I'll discuss what I've learned from the various challenges, other ways to challenge yourself and sources of inspiration. And most importantly how challenges can expand your quilting skills and inspire all your quilting!

[This meeting will be done via Zoom](#)

I had originally scheduled her to do a workshop on the following Friday

Quilt as You Go Hexies

Like the look of traditional English Paper Piecing but don't want to do all that hand sewing! Try this class. Everything can be done by machine! Your project can be as big or small as you like. It still can be sewn by hand, if you chose.

Please feel free to visit her website for more information

www.dianelmurtha.com

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please let me know by **4/3/21**. Send me a text at **(815)218-2367** or via email at amyjoajs15@gmail.com.

We need at least **8** people with a cost of **\$35 per person**. Remember I need to know this by **April 3rd, 2021**. The workshop will be done via Zoom. I will be checking to see if I can get a room at SwedishAmerican or at the church so we can all be in one place for the workshop

Happy Quilting!!

Amy Salamone

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL. CONTACT THE PERSON(S) SPECIFIED IN THE ABOVE MESSAGE. IF NO CONTACT INFO IS GIVEN, GO TO www.sinnissippiquilters.org AND FILL OUT THE CONTACT US FORM.

MINI GROUP NEWS—

We would like to tell you about our group. Christian Comfort Quilters. We meet the second Saturday of the month. Our main focus is small (40x48) quilts that a doctor takes on her mission trips. All the fabric and batting is donated and one of our gals makes kits for us. Or you can use up some of our own scraps. We have sewing machines that we set up at our church and we sew and chat. We hope to be start meeting again in April so if your interested just call Sandy Pyper or Silva Vaughn!

Comfort Quilts

I was very pleased to deliver a comfort quilt to Corlis Berchiolly on 12/21/20 in memory of her mother, who passed away in November.

The purpose of a comfort quilt is to show the care and concern of our fellow quilting sisters going through a traumatic time in their life. The guidelines to receive a comfort quilt is as follows: personal health issues (cancer, transplant, major surgery), death of immediate family (parent, spouse, child and life-threatening situations (accident with injuries). A member may receive only one comfort quilt from the guild, even if they have different issues as stated above.

Please contact Vicki Tallacksen (815) 262-2293 if someone needs a comfort quilt.



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SUNSHINE

If you are aware of any Guild member who is sick, having surgery, had a death in the family or just could use a few words of encouragement, **PLEASE contact**

Carol Swenson. She will send a card from all of us at Sinnissippi Quilt Guild. Do not hesitate to call Carol because you might be the one person who has knowledge of that person's situation



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CONTACT: Suzanne Swenson



I am thankful to all of you who took time to chat as I called to fill the slate of officers for 2021-2022. An even bigger THANK YOU to everyone who agreed to hold an office. We are such an optimistic group and that makes all the difference. We WILL keep taking the chaos that the world keeps throwing at us and create beauty in our little corner of it.

Silvia Vaughn,
Vice President

SQG MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4TH, 2021

1:00 AND 6:30 MEETINGS

Call meeting to order: Bonnie Hodina

Afternoon meeting started at 2:04PM and evening meeting at 7:34PM

Treasurer: Colleen Magee/Deanne Spataro

Publications: Michelle Watson

Deadline for April/May 2021 newsletter is March 20th, 2021.

Membership: Becky Harvey & Becki Dennis (A) Mary Leach & Jane Erickson (E)

Membership total to date - 121

Attendance for meetings – Afternoon - 28 Evening - 27

The afternoon Sew and Chat went very well. We may be continuing that in order to have time to visit and share project, sewing, and other ideas for how we do things.

Programs: Amy Salamone/Roberta Suess

Upcoming Programs –

March is the neo-natal sew in. We may be able to have up to 25 people at the church to sew together and also do the zoom from there. There are other small groups getting together too. Please let Bonnie know if you have an interest in meeting at the church so she can decide if there are enough people to make it worthwhile. The church meeting would run from 10:00AM-4:00PM and the zoom will run from 10:00AM-8:30PM.

April – Brita Nelson – Disappearing Quilt Blocks

May – Diane Murtha – Quilt As You Go Hexies

June - ?

July – Ice cream social

UFO Challenge – There were 18 entries in the challenge this week. The slide show was fun showing all the wonderful work you all did! Sherry DuBuhr was the winner

Special Projects: Pam Surmo/Linda Egeland

Pam delivered 6 quilts and 16 pillowcases to Swede's and 6 quilts and 6 pillowcases to Mercy Health this month. She still has 12 quilts for the cancer center whenever they are ready to receive them.

Pam picked up some totes from the church and has both larger pieces of flannel and minke on hand. Please give her a call if you need fabric or batting for your projects. Just let her know the size you need.

Quilt Show: Barb Clucas

The quilt show has been rescheduled to 2022. We have some exciting changes ahead for our market. Amy Otten has been a

Member of the Arts Council they are having their Spring Art Scape April 30th-May

1st. We are going to join them and have free use of the Memorial Hall off of Wyman Street to display our art – quilts. Please let Bonnie or Silvia know if you have small Quilts you would like to display.

We are still planning our Sinnissippi Fabric Art sale but it will be Saturday, September 11th at the church. The advertising will be done by the Arts Council so it will cut down on our expenses. Suggested ideas are to sell spaces for artists to set up and sell their art. If guild members have things they would like to sell they may purchase a spot to set up for themselves. We will still have our boutique with newer items we can sell for the guild. Everything is still in the planning stage so please get involved however you can! We see this as an opportunity to grow and to bring in new members for our guild.

Nominating Committee: Silvia Vaughn

Silvia has been calling to get volunteers for the board for next year. Thank you to everyone who has graciously said "yes". We still are looking for an secretary for the evening meetings.

Other Committee Reports:

Carol Swenson from the Sunshine Committee asks that you please contact her if you hear of anyone who is ill, surgeries, family illness or death so she can get a card out to them. When we aren't getting together it is hard to stay up on things going on with everyone.

Vicki Tallackson with Comfort quilt blocks – 12 1/2 " unfinished squares in bright colors. Please let her know if you hear of anyone that should be getting one.

Old Business:

Remember to save your Hobbs UPC labels and give them to Anne Biedowicz. When we have 6 labels to turn in we can get half off the batting.

We are sending the church a \$100.00 payment each month until we meet in person again, as a good will payment for using their storage space.

New Business:

We have several people who are interested in joining a small group. Let Bonnie or Silvia know if you have room in your group or if you are interested in starting a group for people that may be close to your area. Bonnie is looking into the Byron library to see if that would work to start a group out that way.

Any Other Business:

We may look into doing out January/February meeting on zoom going forward as It would give us an opportunity to meet together regardless of the weather. It also is a great way to keep in touch with quilting friends who have moved away.

Show & Tell: Thank you everyone for sharing your beautiful projects with us!

Motion to adjourn afternoon: Motion by Bonnie Hodina and 2nd by Sandy Pyper.

Afternoon time: 2:58

Motion to adjourn evening: Motion by Marie Stenger and 2nd by Linda Egeland.

Evening time: 8:27

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janis Albeck.

Art Scene 2021

Are you ready for a new experience?

Join us as we display our quilts at the Rockford ArtScene 2021 sponsored by the Rockford Area Art Council. We will be at Veterans Memorial Hall, 211 N Main St, Rockford, IL 61101. The days and times are Friday, April 23, 5 to 9pm, and Saturday, April 24, 4 to 9pm.

Just fill out the form and email it along with a photo of your quilt, email instructions are on the form. As always, make sure the larger quilts have a sleeve. Smaller ones may be displayed on tables. We are accepting any size or type. It can be just for display or you can put a price on it and sell it. We are also in need of donations of small pickup items like mug rugs, very small wall hangings, table runners, fabric art items that SQG can sell.

Make sure you also sign up for some mingle time to chat with people about our amazing quilts and Guild.

Since we are displaying and selling things we've made, we wanted to give the "makers" the spotlight too! If you have a talent such as longarm quilting or are willing to make items for people, please bring an example or photo along with your business cards. You could "make" someone's day!

Let's reboot last year by doing something new this year!

SQG MEETING MINUTES, March 4th, 2021, 1:00 AND 6:30 MEETINGS

Neo-natal Zoom Sew-in

Call meeting to order:

Afternoon meeting – 1:06 PM

Evening meeting - 6:47PM

Treasurer: Colleen Magee/Deanne Spataro

Publications: Michelle Watson

Deadline for April/May newsletter is March 20th.

Membership: Becky Harvey & Becki Dennis (A) Mary Leach & Jane Erickson (E)

Membership total to date - 123

Attendance for meetings – All day sew-in total of - 38

Welcome to our new members – Susan Knoup, Cindy Rocco, Coleen O’Kane

Programs: Amy Salamone/Roberta Suess

Upcoming Programs –

April – Brita Nelson – Disappearing Quilt Blocks

May – Diane Merca – Accepting the Challenge and Winning the Prize

June – Tina Craig – English Paper Piecing vs. Foundation Paper Piecing

UFO Challenge – The winner for this month is Julie Cuccinelli and the new project number is #3.

Special Projects: Pam Surmo/Linda Egeland

Pillowcases on hand – 4 Quilts on hand – 2 Cancer quilts – 14

Carol Swenson has collected about 25 quilts for Lutheran Social Services.

Pam and Linda have 22 kits ready to pick up.

Total number completed for the sew-in was 54 quilts. Awesome job ladies!

Congratulations to the NICU sew-in winners who will receive a gift card

contributed by our local shops:

1st: Mary Field - Quilting in the Valley

2nd: Janis Albeck - Quilters General Store

3rd: Jane Erickson - Lucky Quilting Company

4th: Anne Biedowicz - Sunshine Stitches

5th: Starr Pittaway - Quilters Haven

Quilt Show: Barb Clucas

The Quilt Show is still tentatively May 2022.

The quilting market in the church parking lot is scheduled for September 11th.

Please share ideas you have to help make this a success.

Friday, April 23rd, 5:00PM – 9:00PM and Saturday April 24th, 4:00PM – 9:00PM

We will be setting up in Memorial Hall and will have areas to hang quilts and tables

Arts Council Spring ArtScene –

Friday, April 23rd, 5:00PM – 9:00PM and Saturday April 24th, 4:00PM – 9:00PM

We will be setting up in Memorial Hall and will have areas to hang quilts and tables to display smaller items. The venue is a mix and mingle event for artists to display, talk about and sell their art. We would like each member to contribute at least one item for the show. It can be to display, donate or to sell. If you are selling items, we are asking that you make a donation to the guild as the guild is sponsoring the event. We will need volunteers to help set up, to mingle and to tear down. The form to sign up for all parts of the event was sent out via email.

This event will give us an opportunity to advertise our quilt show, interest others in quilting as an art form, and to make people aware of all the benefits of being part of the guild.

Other Committee Reports:

Comfort Quilts – 12 ½” unfinished squares in bright colors

Nominating Committee: Silvia Vaughn - Thank you to all who said “Yes”!

Old Business:

Remember to save your Hobbs UPC labels and give them to Anne Biedowicz.

New Business:

There was a suggestion to do Show & Tell using a power point. That way it will be easier to see the quilts and we can go through it slowly so each person will have an opportunity to talk about their quilt. Bonnie will put it together if you would like to try this so please let her know your thoughts.

Motion to adjourn Afternoon: 1st Janis Albeck 2nd Dawn Bates

Time: 1:47

Motion to adjourn Evening: 1st Starr Pittaway 2nd Vicky Larson

Time: 7:28

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janis Albeck.



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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!!!

We want to thank all who participated in the March NICU Sew In. We had 54 quilts turned in that day! I delivered 41 to the hospitals the next week and now have several more turned in to bring up soon. There is so much talent in our guild thanks to each of you! There have been 178 quilts turned in since August 2020 and would be nice to see 200 by July. We can do it! I still have several kits available for pick up.

Thank you,
Pam & Linda

NORTH STAR MINI-GROUP

North Star Mini-group has been meeting once a month since the Shut-down ended, but we have struggled to find our mooring. From June to October, we met in a public park that provided a free, clean, covered work area with access to electricity. However, we ended up talking all the time about our lives and how the Pandemic had changed everything. The closest we came to quilting was Show and Tell! Until warmer weather arrives, we will continue to meet at Sunshine Quilts with all the amenities, but a 10 person limit.

Over the months, we have found our own way to meet safely and to support each other through this perilous time. We came to understand that we really can wear masks for a few hours when we meet to protect ourselves. Although we have had two members who contracted Covid, the virus has not spread amongst our group.

Happily, the last few months of our journey has led us back to group quilting. We are now making neo-natal quilts as well as larger quilts for Rock House Kids and smaller ones for kids entering the foster care programs.

We expect that North Star will stay the course we have set and all of us will be enriched by our love of quilting and the pure joy of being with each other. We look forward to seeing everyone in SQG when group gathering become safe enough. Stay Safe.



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