



# Sinnissippi Quilters Inc.

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**JUNE 2021-JULY 2021**

Sinnissippi Quilters meet on the first Thursday each month by Zoom with afternoon Zoom Meeting at 1:00pm and evening Zoom meeting at 6:30pm. Most meetings have a scheduled program followed by a business meeting. We invite quilters of all skill levels and their guests to attend. The guest fee is \$10.00 a person per meeting with a program.

Meetings are held at:

Bethesda Covenant Church  
2010 E State St.  
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When in person.

## INFORMATION

**Next ZOOM meeting - Thursday, JUNE 3 @ 1PM in outdoor, church garage & Remote & 6:30 pm remote from home only.**

*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, and a drink. **For Outdoor Meetings bring a Lawn Chair.**

**Newsletter Articles for the August/September 2021 newsletter** are due by July 20<sup>th</sup> for distribution by the end of July.  
**PLEASE EMAIL** articles to Michelle Watson.

## PRESIDENTS NOTE

It has been a busy 2 Months!! The Rockford Area ArtScene in April was a great success! Thank you to all who helped organize, work, donate, and show their beautiful quilts! It was wonderful to work together again as a group and Veteran's Memorial Hall was a beautiful venue to display our lovely quilts.

The board nominations, budget for next year, and a by-laws amendment are done and ready to be voted on. Watch your email at the end of May for the SurveyMonkey, to cast your vote.

I cannot believe we are almost into summer. It's been years since we've had such a beautiful spring. Now it is time to get the guild together in person! The June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1pm Guild meeting will be outside in the church garage and parking lot. The program & meeting Zoom will be projected onto a screen for everyone present, plus shown to everyone at home! This will be the first step in making our meetings available both in person and remote, so if you can't make it to the church, don't worry, you will still be able to watch from home or wherever you should be! The evening meeting though, will only be a remote zoom program and meeting.

From here on, we will have our meetings outside at the church. Then hopefully by fall, we will once again meet in the church basement. We will though, continue to have most of our speakers on Zoom. By continuing to Zoom our programs and meeting, our guild membership will have the flexibility to choose to come out to Bethesda, watch at home, or anywhere in the country. No longer will a great speaker be missed because you could not get out to the meeting.

Moving forward, I hope these meeting decisions will continue to fulfill and surpass Sinnissippi Quilters' purpose to educate, preserve and honor our quilting heritage and create a sense of fellowship whether meeting together or joining from afar.

*Bonnie Hodina, President*

## Quick Calendar

**JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>**- English Paper Piecing vs. Foundation Paper Piecing

The Showdown by **Tina Craig**,

**1pm Church/Zoom & 6:30pm- Zoom**

**July Meeting is Moved to JULY 8<sup>th</sup> -**

Ice cream social in church parking lot.

## 2020-2021 Sinnissippi Quilters Executive Board

Bonnie Hodina	President
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Becky Harvey	
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Jane Erickson	
Pam Surmo	Special Projects 1
Linda Egeland	Special Project II
Barb Clucas	Quilt Show 2021
OPEN	Quilt Show 2022

All phone numbers have been removed please refer to  
2020-2021 **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** for phone numbers, emails, etc

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**Contact Michelle Watson**

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## Sinnissippi Quilters Standing Committees 2020-2021

<b>BOOK ORDERS</b>	Judy Mullen	<b>COMFORT QUILTS</b>	Vicki Tallacksen
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**SHOW AND TELL** afternoon Denise Ethun

**SHOW AND TELL** evening LuAnne Hanna

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBMASTER** Cindy Larsen

### SPECIAL PROJECTS:

<b>NEONATEL QUILTS</b>	Pam Surmo
<b>CHARITY RAFFLE QUILT</b>	Anne Biedowicz
<b>PRESIDENT BLOCKS</b>	Barb Lange
<b>SUNSHINE</b>	Carol Swenson
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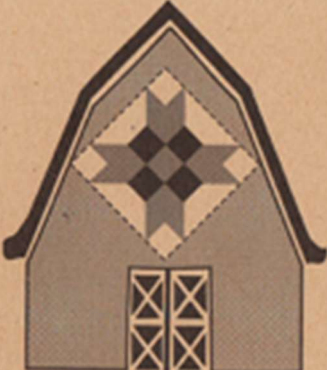
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# PROGRAMS

## **The Showdown by Tina Craig** English Paper Piecing vs. Foundation Paper Piecing **JUNE 3, 2021**

Exciting news!! Our June lecture is Tina Craig.  
She will present on English paper piecing vs. foundation paper piecing.

**It will be via ZOOM!**

**1pm, projected outside in church garage and remote from home,  
6:30pm remote from home only.**

Audience members are encouraged to have paper and pencil ready to make notes on their favorite quilts in a head-to-head matchup of English paper piecing versus foundation paper piecing. Tina will tally the votes at the end and decide what quilt is the winner with this guild.

## UFO Challenge

Thank you to all of those who participated in the UFO challenge as part of the Programs this year.

**Here are the statistics from the challenge:**

20 people started the challenge in October  
Approximately 10 people submitted projects each month

### **Challenge Winners:**

November - Sherry DeBuhr  
December - Bonnie Hodina  
January - Linda Egeland  
February - Sherry DeBuhr  
March - Julie Cuccinelli  
April - Luanne Hanna  
May - Georgy Homuth

### **6 People completed all 7 months**

Deanne Spataro  
Roberta Seuss  
Cecilia Mann  
Sherry DeBuhr  
Silvia Vaughn

Roberta Seuss was the winner of a \$50 gift certificate to her favorite quilt shop.  
Congratulations to all the monthly winners and the grand prize winner.

Amy

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## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To my Sinnissippi Quilters friends,  
 Thank you so much for the beautiful and bright Comfort Quilt that was delivered to me after my heart valve surgery. It truly is a treasure and I appreciate it so much. Thank you also for all the cards, notes, emails, and prayers you sent my way. It was a successful surgery and I'm feeling good, getting stronger every day. Looking forward to the day when we can meet in person again!  
 Thank you. - Phyllis Campbell

### LSSI Foster Care Quilts

Thank you to all who have created and donated quilts for the children who have entered the Winnebago County Foster Care Program. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is the agency for our area.

They are so appreciative of the quilts which have been donated over the past 7 months. **78 (seventy-eight) quilts** have been delivered and another 5 are ready to go.

Each child receives a quilt which is his/hers to take with them  
 when they are placed in a home.  
 It may be their only personal possession.

Again, thank you, thank you!!!  
 Carol Swenson

### 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.





## Comfort Quilts

Pam Surmo and I delivered a comfort quilt to Dawn Bates on 5/13/2021. She is recovering from a broken femur in two places. We had a wonderful visit with Dawn and her husband.

I would like to thank all those who helped make comfort quilts this year during the pandemic. Thanks to Jane Erickson, Deb Hecht, Jan White, Margaret DeLeon for the construction, binding and quilting and any others I have forgotten to mention! Also, thanks to all of you who made comfort quilt squares. Without your donation of the squares, we could not have given these beautiful women a quilt: Jan Person, Marie Stenger, Lori Dickman, Corlis Berchoilly, Phyllis Campbell and Dawn Bates.

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



### New Feature!!!

#### New & Old Members!

#### Tell us a little about Yourself!

Hello fellow quilters and fabric enthusiasts. I am Mary Leach and currently serve on the board as evening Membership (along with Jane Erickson).

I have been quilting since the 1970's (where has that time gone), taking off several years to raise children in the 1980's and early 1990's. I began coming to the guild in the late 1990's and have served on the board in several areas including chairing the raffle quilt for the last two times with Margaret deLeon.

I enjoy all types of quilts and like going to workshops and retreats. I'll have to live to be 200 or more to use up all the fabric I have accumulated and all the patterns I hope to make.

Oh well, it's a great addiction that I share with all of you. Hope we can start getting together at the church in the near future.

Happy Quilting.

Need volunteers for next month!!



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## 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!

## 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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**CONTACT: Suzanne Swenson**

## **Sinnissippi Quilters ZOOM MINUTES**

### **April 1, 2021, 1:00 and 6:30**

#### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Afternoon Meeting

- Speaker began 1:06
- Business Meeting began 2:41

Evening Meeting:

- Speaker began 6:47
- Business Meeting 8:13

**Treasurer: Colleen Magee/ Deanne Spataro**

**Publications/ Michelle Watson**

- Deadline for May/June Newsletter is May 20, 2021

**Membership: Becky Harvey**

- Membership total to date 124
- Attendance for afternoon Meeting- 30
- Attendance for evening Meeting- 31

**Programs: Amy Salamone/ Roberta Suess:**

- May- Diane Murtha- 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 Luanne Hanna.
- New project number is the last one.

**Special Projects: Pam Surmo/ Linda Egeland**

- Pillowcases on hand- 40.
- Quilts delivered to Swedes-18.
- Quilts delivered to Mercy- 18.
- Cancer quilts on hand- 17.
- Quilts delivered to Swedes Pediatrics- 5.
- Pillowcases delivered to Mercy- 5.
- Quilts made to date-178. Pillowcases made to date- 107.

**Quilt Show:**

- Becky Harvey has a few medallion kits left to be made for the ribbons for the show Contact Becky is you can help.

**Arts Council:**

- Spring Art Scene is scheduled for April 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup>.
- To enter the show please submit a form for each entry.
- Forms state that a commission will be charged but that will not be done.
- Set up will be from noon to 4:00 on the 23rd with mingling from 5:00 to 9:00.
- On the 24th mingling will be from 4:00 to 9:00 pm with tear down afterward. If not finished on the 24th it will be finished on Monday.



### Other Committee Reports

- Nominating Committee reports they have the slate filled and we will vote at the June Meeting.
- The budget is also prepared for next year and this will be voted on in June.
- Presidents Blocks: Bonnie has expressed her wish for the president's blocks. She would like Block Size 10 1/2" unfinished or 10 "finished of any design & scrappy. Especially likes Batik's and Light & Bright Colors. Be sure to sign & date your block & set the writing. She does not want any sign of a mask on the block. Submit to Barb Lange by June either by mail or at the meeting.
- Comfort quilts: Vicky Tallackson reports that quilts have been given to Phyllis Campbell & Dawn Bates. 6 quilts have been given out so far this year. There is also a need for more 12 1/2" blocks.

### Old Business

- UPC labels are always needed to restock our batting supply which we are using rapidly Submit to Anne Biedowitz

### New Business

- Our Meeting for June may be held at Bethesda inside. Current restrictions are 25 people for inside only. The meeting will also be zoomed for those who choose to stay home. Can attend that way.
- Today's Program: Brita Nelson showed us many ways to cut apart blocks & reassemble them in different Patterns that look nothing like what she started with.
- Motion to Adjourn the afternoon meeting: 1st Denise Ethum, 2nd Pam Collings, Time 3:29
- Motion to Adjourn the evening meeting: 1st Luanne Hanna, 2nd Linda Egeland, Time 8:58
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Pyper



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## **SQG MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 6, 2021, 1:00 AND 6:30 MEETINGS**

### **Call meeting to order: Bonnie Hodina**

1:09 for speaker Diane Murtha and 2:30 for business meeting.

Evening – 6:38 started business meeting, Diane spoke when she got on and then they finished business meeting

Diane Murtha talk "Challenges – Accept the Challenge & Win the Prize". Diane said she hoped to inspire you in some way, big or small, with challenge quilts or other challenging projects.

### **Treasurer: Colleen Magee/Deanne Spataro**

#### **Publications: Michelle Watson**

Deadline for June/July newsletter is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Michelle asked that people send articles about what mini groups are doing and counts from the standing committees about what is on hand and what has been given out.

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

Membership total to date 124

Attendance for meetings – Afternoon 32 Evening 27

#### **Programs: Amy Salamone/Roberta Suess**

Upcoming Programs – June is Tina Craig – English paper piecing vs Foundation paper piecing

UFO Challenge – 11 people completed the May projects –

Georgy Hormuth was the May winner.

5 people completed all 7 projects - Roberta Suess was the grand prize winner.

#### **Special Projects: Pam Surmo/Linda Egeland**

Mercy received 10 NICU quilts and Peds 10 pillowcases and 3 quilts

Swedes did not receive any this month because of construction stuff

On hand – 17 NICU quilts – 17 cancer quilts – 33 pillowcases

NICU caps – call Pam if you would like to help make them

#### **Quilt Show: Barb Clucas**

Barb said they were going to try and meet May 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. Dee will try to work with vendors.

#### **Art Scene: Bonnie Hodina**

Thank you all who helped and those who made items to sell.

Work with RAAC to see if we would like to do it again in the fall.

We got lots of good feedback.

#### **Nominating Committee: Silvia Vaughn**

The slate of officers was presented. Move the Membership Directory

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We got lots of good feedback.

**Budget Committee: Colleen McGee**

The budget was presented and discussed. Voting will be in June.

The Hobbs labels will go to the treasurer and kept in the checking account book so they are readily available when we order.

Under Assets – the \$191 stockings for soldiers – prepare concrete ideas for how to use this money and add it to the next agenda.

**Comfort quilts: Vicki Tallacksen**

Continue with 12 ½” unfinished blocks for spring – bright colors and batiks – Please be sure and sign them. Can deliver or mail to Vicki.

**Presidents Blocks: Pam Surmo and Lynn Brown**

10” finished block – scrappy or favorite quilt block with white/light background.

Sign and date and mail to Barb Lange. Bonnie loves blues and batiks.

**Old Business: Bonnie Hodina**

We are still limited to 25 people to meet at the church. Bonnie is working on a way to do zoom from the church parking lot if we meet outside in June.

**New Business: Bonnie Hodina**

By-laws change – **Check Signing:** All checks over \$100 must be signed by two of the four people chosen at the August Board meeting after an election to serve as alternate signatories. Business format checks will be used and must display two signatures for amounts over \$100.

The Board is proposing the \$100 amount be changed to \$300.

**Check Signing:** “All checks over \$300 must be signed by two of the four people chosen at the August Board meeting after an election to serve as alternate signatories. Business format checks will be used and must display two signatures for amounts over \$300.”

We have a lot of checks but may need to reprint to have correct wording.

Does this proposal include the debit card raised to \$300 also or will it be necessary to add that to the proposal?

This would be voted on at the June meeting with Survey Monkey.

The church is not available for our July 1<sup>st</sup> ice cream social. We will move it to July 8<sup>th</sup> and have it at the church. Order from Culver’s with individual

Ice cream cups and wrapped cookies.

**Any Other Business: Bonnie Hodina**

Byron Women’s Club is asking for a quilt or wall hanging that can be donated to raffle off. They support the high school and 13 charities.

**Show & Tell**

**Motion to adjourn: Afternoon - 1<sup>st</sup> Janis Albeck 2<sup>nd</sup> Barb Clucas**

**Evening – 1<sup>st</sup> Luanne Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Stenger**

**Time: Afternoon - 4:06 Evening - 8:45**

Respectfully submitted by Janis Albeck



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Silva Vaughn	7
Bobbi Smith	10
Colleen Hoffman	12
Michelle Watson	15
Beverly Oberg	17
Judy Carl	19
Barb Lange	29

## JULY

Linda O'Rourke	1
Janet Person	3
Ellen Schrader	16
Brenda Kinney	17
Sherry De Buhr	20
Bonnie Hodina	24
Ruth Perley	27
Amy Ottens	28
Denise Ethun	31

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