



Sinnissippi Quilters meet on the first Thursday of each month by Zoom and in the church basement.

Afternoon Meeting: 1:00

Evening Meeting: 6:30

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, are at:

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### INFORMATION

Upcoming Meetings at church and Zoom:

**Thursday Oct 7th, 1pm & 6:30pm**

**Thursday, Nov 4th, 1pm & 6:30pm**

Zoom invitations will come by email a couple days before. Please notify Sylvia Larsen if you do not receive it.

Don't forget to bring the following, even to the zoom meeting:

- \*Show & Tell items
- \*Your Nametag
- \*Special Projects items to show
- \*Your Coffee Mug!

**Newsletter Articles for the**

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**November 20th 2021 for** Please email Michelle Watson

# Sinnissippi Quilters Inc

Volume 41 No. 1 [www.sinnissippiquilters.org](http://www.sinnissippiquilters.org)

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Back to masking up! We were so glad to put that behind us at the beginning of the summer, but like all Super Hero's, we do whatever it takes to keep the people around us safe!

Thank you for your patience as we work through the Audio/Visual challenges. We received great feedback and spent time trouble shooting and hope the coming months will settle into a new routine.

As the days shorten and the temperature cools down, we look forward to working with our favorite fall colors from our stashes. Even if you didn't sign up for this year's Challenge, I challenge you to grab a UFO and bring it to life!

2021-22 Best Year Ever!

Silvia

### Quick Calendar

Oct 7 Timna Tarr – flying colors trunk show – sharing her design and color choices and personal stories behind her quilt.

Nov 4 Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill- Whole Circle Studio – Approaching Quilting as a graphic designer

## 2021/2122 Sinnissippi Quilters Executive Board

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<b>Quilt Show Co-Chair II</b>	Bonnie Hodina



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<b>Comfort Quilts</b>	Vicki Talacksen
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<b>Evening Show &amp; Tell</b>	Luanne Hanna
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	<b>(A)</b> <b>open</b>
	<b>(E)</b> Mary Leach
	<b>(E)</b> <b>open</b>
<b>RAAC liaison</b>	Donna Langford
<b>Quilt Show Raffle Quilt 2024</b>	<b>open</b>
<b>Charity Raffle Quilts</b>	Anne Biedowicz
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<b>Sunshine</b>	Jane Erickson
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## Website/Email Change

Emails from the guild are now being sent from a guild email address instead of my personal email: [sqi2101@gmail.com](mailto:sqi2101@gmail.com).

There are two different emails that are sent to you, both generated by Mail Chimp. 1) When a new blog post is added to the website, and 2) a direct one sent using the Mail Chimp app. Every email provider treats mass emails differently and we have no control over that, so be sure to check your Spam/Junk box every few days. If you have any problems please contact Hannah Kaytonah.



**Mission Statement:** The purpose of Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc. shall be to educate the community and ourselves on all aspects of quilting, to preserve and appreciate our quilting heritage and traditions, and to use our sewing gifts to benefit other community organizations.



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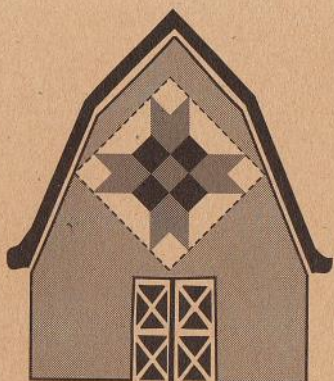
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### **2021-2022 Programs**

All programs are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

#### **2021**

- Oct 7 Timna Tarr – flying colors trunk show – sharing her design and color choices and personal stories behind her quilt.
- Nov 4 heri Cifaldi-Morrill- Whole Circle Studio – Approaching Quilting as a graphic designer
- Dec 2 Annual Holiday Party / Potluck – please watch for more information.

#### **2022**

- Jan 6 Krista Moser – She started very young designing her own quilts and patterns She typically works in design concept and color theory.
- Feb 3 Mj Kinman – Gemstone quilter
- March Neonatal Event
- April 7 Linda Pearl – Ten Quilters you should know Part 1 for afternoon and Ten Quilters you should know Part 2 for evening.
- May 5 Lois Mease – Color Confidence for Quilters
- June 2 Lilo Bowman- Adapting for Change (afternoon) and Love where you create (evening). Book give a way (each meeting)!!



## A Wonderful Thing Happened!!!

Our first craft show of this season in Galena netted us \$241.50! Customers appreciated our products and the talents we have to create our quilts. So, guess what has happened...! Our supplies have been depleted and we have entered a show in November; we need to stitch-up more stuff.

We are looking for mid-range, small items that are easier on the budget as the holiday season approaches.

### **Here are some ideas:**

Table runners

Wall hangings

Bags, purses

Wallets, card holders, glasses cases

Placemats, hot pads

Pillows

Holiday themed items for the Fall/Thanksgiving and Winter/Christmas

Bed quilts, larger wallhangings, quilts for children (These items sell slowly, but customers love to see their beauty.)

For the November Show we also need members to volunteer to sell items at our table. If many of you volunteer, the load work can be lightened for all who pitch-in.

**Volunteers needed for Saturday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-4 at the Byron Forrest Preserve Buildings and on Nov.5<sup>th</sup> for set-up**

### **NorthStar Mini Group**

The NorthStar Mini Group has been teaming up the last few months to supply our neo-natal program, Rock House Kids and Lutheran Social Services with comforting quilts. We had lots of fun sharing stashes and sewing together.

We've also been interesting in learning new techniques and trying new patterns. Most recently we've been intrigued by the Sample Patterns shown to us by Brita Nelson.

We meet the third Friday of the month at Sunshine Quilts in Belvidere. Drop by whenever you would like.



## COMFORT QUILTS

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  
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The designated "Sunshine" person in the guild is responsible for spreading sunshine and encouragement to those in the guild who need it. She will send get well, sympathy or other appropriate cards when notified. To be notified, someone in the guild calls/texts her with information about a person in need. This could be someone who has had surgery, or a hospital stay or a serious illness. She then sends her an appropriate card for the situation from the guild. There is a book she can log in the information to keep track of cards sent. She is responsible for purchasing cards/stamps and turning in her expenses as needed. The "Sunshine" person for this year is Jane Erickson. Her phone and email can be found in the directory.



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**Sinnissippi Quilt Guild Membership Meeting  
August 12, 2021, 1pm and 6:30 P.M**

**Program:** Board & Standing Committees Show & Tell

Carol Hodapp shared a Raffle Quilt for Byron Women's Club. Carol is a member of our group and also a group of the Byron Women's Club. They are raffling off 4 quilts so this is the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 she will be showing.

**Call meeting to order:** Silvia Vaughn/Coleen O'Kane

Afternoon – 2:00 PM and Evening – 7:10 PM

Sylvia had a banner made "Best Year Ever". Let's make that happen!

**Treasurer:** Deanne Spataro/Amy Ottens

**Publications:** Michelle Watson: 3-5 minutes

Thanks to everyone who contributed their stories.

October/November 2021 newsletter Articles are due September 20th.

It was brought up that some would like the Newsletter emailed directly to them. It appears that the file is too large. Put [sqj2101@gmail.com](mailto:sqj2101@gmail.com) into your contacts.

**Membership:** Becky Harvey/Margaret de Leon(A) / Linda Lewandowski/Norma Copes (E)  
Membership total to date: 124

Attendance August 12, 2021: Afternoon – 40 + 3 New + 6 Zoom Evening – 23 + 4 guests

2021-2022 Membership sign up started August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Afternoon Winners -\$4.00 collected for no name tag – Denise Ethun,

Attendance – Kathy Bender, Birthdays – Judy Mullen, Show/Tell – Barb Clucas

Evening winners - \$1.50 no name tag – Linda Cleary

Attendance – Sue Lang, Birthdays – Deanne Spataro, Show/Tell – Linda Egeland

**Programs:** Roberta Suess/Robin Gausebeck

August - Meet the New Board Members Standing Committee's Trunk Show

September – It's Sew Me

UFO Entry Form. First one due at November meeting. More info to come next month.

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

Currently on hand – 29 NICU quilts, 20 Cancer quilts, 55 Pillowcases, 4 knitted hats, 1 Afghan

Delivered in July – Swede's 20 pillowcases and 10 NICU quilts

Cancer center is not accepting quilt right now so the quilts will go to Fairhaven and Remedies

Kits and batting available at the back table. If you already have a kit please try to finish it up.

Quilts for Lutheran Foster Care Program. Carol has collected 88 quilts so far! Great Job!

**Quilt Show:** Barb Clucas/Deanne Spataro/Bonnie Hodina

Be sure to turn in medallions to Becky and work on your flower banners.

We are setting up a Publicity Committee and looking for volunteers.

Bookmarks are completed. Fee raised to \$8. Planning a make & take May Basket for kids. Talking to knitters and crotchetier needed Marketing/Publicity committee to come up with ideas

Roberta will go over the UFO Challenge information, hand out forms to be turned in at October meeting. She will then select a # for the item to work on that month.

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

We had 2 emails of donations. Totes and 6" squares

We also had a donation from It's for Quilting. Silvia, Coleen, Pam and Linda are going through all of it now. There is some duck cloth – maybe we can use that for backpacks or bags for Lutheran Foster Care. There are also some larger items donated. Should we offer them to members for purchase first or donate them to the boutique?

Robin Gausebeck is our 501©3 officer. She asked that for all donations we need the name and address of the person donating, the date received, and a description of the items. She will create a letter, have Silvia sign it, and then mail it to the person. That way we can keep track of donations and people donating can use it for their tax purposes if they chose.

Colleen is going to Texas. Let her know if she should pick up batting.

Some of the batting we got from Hobbs was damaged. Pam is working with them to get it replaced.

[Quilts given out this month: 10 NICU quilts and 10 quilts to Fairhaven](#)

Quilts on hand: 38 NICU, 10 Cancer, 1 Afghan, 4 Hats, 55 pillowcases

**Quilt Show:** Barb Clucas/ Deanne Spataro/Bonnie Hodina

We still need a committee for publicity for show & guild. Suggestions of who to ask. Is there a job description?

**Quilt Show Raffle Quilt Committee:** Mary Leach will give Silvia a job description and we will ask for volunteers. We need to get started on the quilt for the 2024 show.

**Old Business:** Silvia Vaughn

Remember to save your Hobbs UPC labels and give them to the Treasurer.

Add new standing committee to handle the new AV needs of the guild. Bonnie Hodina is training Mary Leach. Still need evening volunteers. Bonnie will run it remotely at the September meeting.

Report from Amy Ottens for the Galena Show - \$241.50 Amy will get a list of items that seemed to go well for the newsletter.

Byron Craft Show is November 4<sup>th</sup> – Bonnie will be setting up for that.

Please turn in your Year-end reports from each committee.

Byron mini-group – Southern Scrappers – had 3 people at the first meeting but there are others who have expressed interest in joining the group.

We still need to buy a laptop, 2021 Acer Aspire 15.6 \$349. Software prices Office 365 subscription \$99/year loaded on 5 computers with one drive, \$79.99 for one load box. Or does anyone have an old laptop to donate?

**New Business:** Silvia Vaughn/Coleen O'Kane



## **SQG Member Meeting Minutes September 2, 2021, 1:00 and 6:30**

Carol Hodapp brought another quilt for the Byron Women's Club raffle. It is called "Sounds of the Woods" and will be the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize for the raffle.

Bonnie Hodina will have a craft booth on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Byron Craft Show.

**Program:** It's Sew Me – Roberta Suess shared a brief history of our guild and some of the ladies presents were there when they started. Thanks Roberta for sharing that!

**Call meeting to order: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O'Kane**

Afternoon 1:19 and Evening 7:00

Sue Swenson fell and broke her hip and is at rehab.

Kay Steinmetz passed away. She was a long-time member and President in 88-89.

**Treasurer: Deanne Spataro / Amy Ottens**

**Publications: Michelle Watson**

Thanks to everyone who contributed stories. Please send more and tell us what your mini group is doing.

October/November 2021 is due September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Put [sqi2101@gmail.com](mailto:sqi2101@gmail.com) into your contacts so that you get emails.

Please let Michelle know if you have any ideas for advertisers for both the newsletter and for our quilt show booklet.

**Membership: Becky Harvey / Margaret deLeon (A) and  
Linda Lewandowski / Norma Copes (E)**

Membership total to date - 78 (6 of those are new members)

Drawing for No Name Tag – Joanne Talbot - A

Drawing for Birthday – Becky Harvey -A / Mary Leach - E

Drawing for Attendance – Carol Hodapp – A / Linda Egeland - E

**Programs: Roberta Suess / Robin Gausebeck**

October speaker – Timna Tarr – Using Color in Quilts

UFO entry for is in the newsletter. Entries are at our October meeting.

Roberta will select a # and that project will be due in November.

Be sure and make a copy of the form for yourself and it costs \$10.

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

We have had several donations that are in the process of being sorted.

There are kits on the back table. Please record the kit # you take and your name.

We delivered 10 NICU quilts and 10 quilts to Fairhaven.

The retreat team has cutting boards and etc. that the neo-natal sew in can use.

On hand we have – 38 NICU quilts, 4 hats, 10 cancer quilts, 1 afghan and 55 pillowcases.

**Quilt Show: Barb Clucas / Deanne Spataro / Bonnie Hodina**

Be sure to turn in your medallions to Becky and work on your flower banners.

We are setting up a Publicity Committee and looking for volunteers and suggestions for both the quilt show and for guild.

Bookmarks are completed. The admission is raised to \$8.00.

Talking to knitters, crocheters and basket weavers to participate.

Question was asked when Giorgi will start accepting boutique items.

**Comfort Quilts: Vicki Tallacksen**

Continue making 12 ½" unfinished blocks. The quilts go to our members who have suffered loss or are healing.

They meet at Quilter General to work on quilts. Let Vicki know if you would like to joint them.

**Historian and RAAC: Donna Langford**

The Beloit Historical Society quilt show is November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please bring quilts to display. Maybe we can help each other.

**Retreats: Marie Tovo / Deanne Spataro**

The retreat is in Lake Geneva at Covenant Harbor Bible Camp. There are just a few spots left so sign up asap.

**Spam:** The Cherry Valley Library is not using their rooms yet. The will Contact when they are available. We will need a volunteer to run it.

**Quilt show Raffle Quilt for 2024 Committee:**

We would like to form this committee now to start brain storming.

**Old Business: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O'Kane**

Remember to save your Hobbs labels and give to treasurer.

Village Quilters Quilt Show – October 1-2, 2021 at Libertyville Sports Complex. Silvia suggested we carpool. It is about 1.5 hours.

We are still in need of AV committee to handle the zoom projection.

Amy Ottens had a table at the Galena Craft Show - \$241.50

Items we could use for the Byron Craft Show in November are:

Microwave cozies, table runners, bags and purses, hot pads,

Thanksgiving, Fall and Christmas items.

**New Business: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O'Kane**

Bonnie Hodina started a mini group in Byron. Please let her know if you would like to attend. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 9:30 – Byron Library. One of the projects they are thinking of working on is bags for the Lutheran Foster Care kids.

There has been some discussion about advertising the sale of items From non-members. We would like to accommodate them to support Our 501 3 c status of being useful to the community. We will put the name and information in an email blast and if members would like to contact them it will be a private transaction.

It was suggested that we add a Publications ll to have a back up person to make the transition easier.

Some ladies are interested in resuming the Morning Workshop.

We are looking for volunteers to run it or we could set up a calendar and people could sign up to teach something. Should it be in person or via zoom?

Quilt show September 11<sup>th</sup> – Orfordville, WI. "Airing of the Quilts."

Silvia & Sandy's mini group plan to go and stop in Roscoe for lunch.

It was suggested that we give the Christmas stockings (about 500) to Lutheran Social Services or Winn Co Foster Care. Marie Stenger said there is postage \$ left maybe we could donate that for fillers.

**Any Other Business:**

We would like to get quilt school going again when we can. So far 5-6 ladies have joined the guild because of the school.

Carol Swenson said we have contributed 101 quilts for Lutheran Foster Care kids.

**Show and Tell**

Show and tell drawing – Jan White – A Luanne Hanna - E

Motion to adjourn Afternoon: Marie Tovo 1<sup>st</sup> – Marge Sment 2nd

Time 3:12

Motion to adjourn Evening: Amy Salamone 1<sup>st</sup> – Carol Swenson 2nd

Time 7:56

Respectfully submitted by Janis Al-



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From the Raffle Quilt Committee - Raffle tickets for our raffle quilt - a-MAY-zing Stars - will be given to all members

starting at the October meeting. All members are asked to sell at least \$20.00 worth of tickets. If you do not wish

to sell your allotted number of tickets, a \$20 donation to the guild will be appreciated. Thanks again to all members

who contributed a block or blocks and thank you in advance for helping sell tickets. We appreciated your

help in this fund raising effort. Margaret De Leon and Mary Leach





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<b>Anne Biedowicz</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Loma Carlson</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Coleen Magee</b>	<b>29</b>
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During the year, Sinnissippi Quilters periodically receives donations of both money and quilting-related goods. I am the person who has volunteered to compose the official letters that the givers receive acknowledging their donations.

I need your help because the Internal Revenue Service has some specific requirements and guidelines that charities such as ours need to follow.

If you are the person who receives a donation to the guild, the following is information that we need:

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Donor's mailing address

Donor's contact information (either phone or email)

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The date of the donation

As an example of a description of goods, you might say "12 yards quilting fabric". No need to be more specific than that. Estimate quantities where feasible.

Some people may indicate that they do not need a donation letter. That's OK – we then don't have to send one. For anyone to include the donation on their income taxes, they need to have that letter from us. With the exception of gifts of money, the responsibility for valuing their donation rests with the giver not the guild.

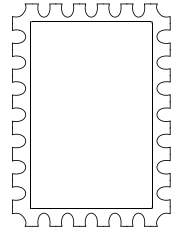
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Robin Gausebeck





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