

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:

Bethesda Covenant Church 2010 E. State St. Rockford, IL



Sinnissippi Quilters Inc

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DECEMBER-JANUARY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

'Tis the season to gather together! Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, special Family times that we had always taken for granted. Even though we are still adjusting to the "new normal" and don't know what to expect next, we are settling into this life we are living.

So enjoy each day! Spend time with family! Make time for yourself! And always keep a quilting project handy to calm

you and center you when life gets

hectic.

2021-22 Best Year Ever!

Silvia



INFORMATION

Upcoming Meetings at church and Zoom:

Thursday DEC 2nd, 1pm & 6:30pm Thursday, Jan 6th, 1pm & 6:30pm Zoom invitations will come by email a couple days before. Please notify Sylvia Vaughn 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

Newsletter Articles for the Feb/March newsletter are due by January 20th 2022 for Please email Michelle Watson

Quick Calendar

Dec 2nd: Party see page 6 for information.

Jan 6th: January 2022 speaker is Krista Moser - Krista tells her story, how she started very young and went on to designing her own quilts and patterns. She typically works in design concepts and color theory while showing different quilts. She loves to do Q&A if there is time! It's always a crowd-pleaser.

2021/2122 Sinnissippi Quilters Executive Board

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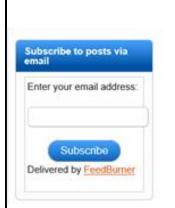
Membership Evening II Norma Copes

Special Projects I Linda Egeland

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Quilt Show Co-Chair II Bonnie Hodina



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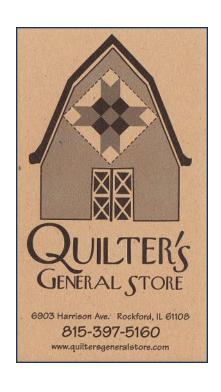
Emails from the guild are now being sent from a guild email address instead of my personal email: sqi2101@gmail.com.

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 your 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.





2021-2022 Programs

All programs are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

2021

Dec 2 Annual Holiday Party / Potluck – please watch for more information.

<u>2022</u>

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)!!



Create your own flock of divas at the January Mini Class:

Thursday, January 6^{th} 9:30 – 12:30

It's 2022. It's time to exercise your creativity! Bring your machine, your favorite fabrics or the fat quarters that you love but don't play well with others, and learn to make birds with *No Pattern*.

I did say "no pattern necessary," but it is 2022 and you can do this. You will learn simple cutting and construction techniques that make this a fun project.

Contact Barb Lange or Amy Ottens if you plan to attend. Bring a sack lunch or allow time to "dine out" before the 1 pm meeting.

SINNISSIPPI QUILT GUILD SMALL GROUP DIRECTORY

SOUTHERN QUILTERS

Is a group that meets the 2nd Monday of the month at Byron Library on the 2nd floor.

Our current project is backpacks for Foster kids. Contact Bonnie Hodina with any questions.

Christian Comfort Quilters

We meet the 2nd Saturday from 9-2 at City First Church. We make small quilts (40x48) that a physician takes on her medical trips to Guatemala, South Africa etc. Everything is provided even sewing machines. If you don't want to bring yours. We teach beginners and welcome experienced quilters to share their tips Contact Sandy Pyper or Silvia Vaughn.

NORTH STAR mini group

Meets the 3rd Friday of the month at Sunshine Quilts in Belvidere. They are currently helping to supply our neo-natel program. In the past They have made quilts for Rock House kids and Lutheran Social Services. They also enjoy learning different quilting techniques.

I invite other groups to send info to Michelle Watson

twswew@gmail.com. This will be a permanent part of the newsletter.



Christmas Party Info:

The guild will once again be hosting its annual holiday party on our regular meeting date of December 2. The church has no restrictions on food so we will have buffets for both the afternoon and evening sessions. If you would like to serve as a table hostess (organizing tablescapes for the holidays), please let Roberta Suess or Robin Gausebeck know.

There are NO assigned dishes to bring. Share something - finger foods, entre, salad, dessert - that you love to prepare (or eat). We'll just take our chances on what shows up. It is all bound to be delicious.

If you feel more comfortable celebrating with a small group of quilting friends, we welcome you to gather together that way. The meeting will be Zoomed.

There will be a couple of games but mostly the guild will be celebrating the season with friends.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Roberta or Robin

Silvia Vaughn, President

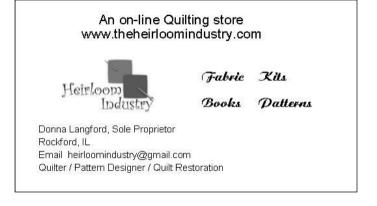
COMFORT QUILTS

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
If someone needs a comfort quilt.









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.





QUILT APPRAISALS

Quilt appraisals help determine the value of your quilts and provide written documentation for insurance, fair market or donation values.

Written appraisal—\$45 per quilt.

CONTACT: Suzanne Swenson
AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles
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Historian and RAAC: Donna Langford

Beloit Historical Society will be hosting a show November 6 & 7 at 845 Hackett Street, Beloit.

Retreats: Marie Tovo / Deanne Spataro

The retreat is full and there is a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Facebook: Lynne Brown is doing an impressive job posting pictures on our FB page. If you have anything to share, please text them to her at any time.

Quilt Show Raffle Quilt: Silvia Vaughn will chair this and Sandy Pyper has also volunteered. All ideas are welcome.

Old Business: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O'Kane

Remember to save you Hobbs UPC labels and give them to the treasurer.

SQG Membership Meeting Minutes November 4th, 2021 Meeting at 1:00 and 6:30

Program: Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill – Approaching Quilting as a graphic designer

Sheri gave an inspiring look at project design by showing us how she comes up with the "concept and content" of the design and asking "What if?"

Janis Albeck won the pattern give away in the afternoon and Starr Pittaway won in the evening give away. Pieces of Love pattern.

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

Call to order at 2:37 in the afternoon and 7:50 in the evening.

Must be out of the church by 8:30 PM as the alarm is set and security will contact Bethesda if we are not out by them.

Treasurer: Deanne Spataro/ Amy Ottens

Money from the Stocking for Soldiers was sent to Belvidere Quilts of Valor. The stockings all went to Lutheran Social Services. This closes out the project.

Publications: Michelle Watson

Thanks to everyone who contributed their stories. Please send more to twsew@gmail.com Michelle is going to add a small group directory and add articles about what the small groups are doing. She will be adding an article about the retreat in the next newsletter.

The next newsletter due date is November 20th. Please get info to her asap as she is leaving town November 26th.

Membership: Becky Harvey / Margaret de Leon (A) and Linda Lewandowski / Norma Copes (E)

Membership to date: 110

Attendance: Afternoon – 40 + 2 guest + 11 zoom

Evening -23 + 1 quest + 3 zoom

Membership booklets are available at the meeting. The ones not picked up today will be mailed. There are 2 invite cards on each book. Please invite a guest. If they join the guild your next year dues will be ½ price. The invite cards will be available at Sunshine Stitches and Quilters Haven. An email was sent to all previous members inviting them to rejoin. We did get 3 responses about the zoom lectures.

No Name tag \$ - Afternoon \$2.00 and Evening \$1.25

Birthday drawing: Afternoon Eleanor Potts and Evening Carolyn Rowe Attendance drawing – Afternoon Marie Happ and Evening Luanne Hanna

SQG Member Meeting Minutes Sept. 2, 2021 at 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^{st} place prize for the raffle.

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

Program: It's Sew Me – Roberta Suess shared a brief history of our guild and some of the ladies present 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 20th.

Put 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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.

The Beloit Historical Society quilt show is November 6th. 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

Programs: Roberta Suess / Robin Gausebeck

UFO – 17 people signed up! Our first project was due today - #3. Linda Egeland was the winner. Our next project due December 2^{nd} will be #1.

January - Krista Mosher - Design concept and color theory - Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend.

Christmas Party – There will be a potluck at the church for all wishing to attend. Bring a dish to pass of your own choosing. We are looking for table captains to decorate the tables. An email blast will be sent out with details. Please let Robin or Roberta know so they can coordinate. The party will also be on zoom for those who wish to participate in their own way from home.

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Be sure and check the back table for kits!

NICU – we had 33, received 26 and gave 10 to Swedes and 10 to Mercy. We have 39 on hand. We have 69 pillowcases on hand. 4 knitted hats were given to the hospital.

Mary Lindberg won the Halloween Quilt and raised \$150 for special projects.

Barb Lange has quilted the second donated top.

Linda wants to thank everyone for the squares or fabric donated for I Spy quilts.

Special Projects donated 2 quilts for "Rally Against Child Abuse in memory of Nathaniel on 10/23/21 in Oregon, IL. The rally raised \$2000 for Oregon Elementary School.

Byron Craft Show: Bonnie Hodina and Amy Ottens will be at the booth November 6th at the Jarrett Center on Rte 72. There is a box at the back table for donations.

Spam and Mini Morning Workshop: Barb Lange and Pam Surmo are finding things to do. Today they made wine bottle bags. They got 23 done.

January – Flock of Divas – Amy Otten will be teaching how to make birds with fabric and a ruler. You will receive details on an email blast when we get closer to the date. If you have any suggestion for workshops, just let Barb know.

Comfort Quilts: Vicki Tallacksen Please continue making 12.5" unfinished square. Sue Swensen got a quilt after her surgery.

Vicki received a donation of small quilt tops. They will be finished and given to Lutheran Social Services. A roll of polyester batting was donated and that will be used for these small guilts

Lutheran Social Services: Carol Swenson connected with Anne Biedowicz and all the stockings we had stored went to LSS.

Carol has distributed 118 quilts for the Foster Care program. She went to a luncheon and talked about the quilts. The Illinois Director was so pleased with the program they are going to roll it out in the whole state.

Quilt School: Amy Ottens Due to the 6' distance restrictions we will have to put quilt school on hold for a period of time.

Byron Mini Group: Meeting on Mondays at the Byron Public Library from 9:30-1:00. They are working on canvas tote bags, pillowcases or bring your own project. They are also making precuts and fabric bundles to sell at the quilt show. They created a couple different patterns of bags and have completed 8 bags.

Quilt Show: Barb Clucas / Deanne Spataro / Bonnie Hodina

They met 10/26/2021. The Traveling Exhibit will be Princess Diana. Deanne is sending RAAC an application for a grant to possibly fund this. The cost of the exhibit is \$200 + postage to send on to the next venue. Bonnie will prepare the booklet for the show. Bookmarks are completed. Be sure and take a stack to bring to quilt shops and places people can have them on display.

The show fee will be \$8.00. Planning a make and take May Basket for kids.

Norma Copes is looking for specific types of quilts for Bed Turning. Please contact her is you have any quilts you are willing to show.

Register online for quilts you will display. Two judges have been contacted for the show.

Georgy Homuth will be accepting donations starting in January for the boutique. Also start turning in items for the silent auction.

Make sure you have your medallions in to Becky Harvey and work on your flower banner. Karen will start taking them in January also.

Audio/Visual Committee: Marie Tovo volunteered to help with zoom in the afternoon and Mary Leach and Bonnie Hodina will run it in the evening.

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We disbanded the Library and have had the books, magazines and videos on sale at guild the last two months. The remainder will be boxed up and sold at the Quilt Show Boutique.

New Business: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O'Kane

We are now emailing from sqi2101@gmail.com. Please be sure and enter that address in your contacts so your email recognizes that address and doesn't send it to spam. Silvia sent out email blasts on –

10/11 asking for a response

10/15 Rockford Art Museum for exhibit of Gees Bend Quilts.

10/15 Special projects for 6" I Spy square

10/29 Prairie Star Quilt Guild sent us their workshop roster

10/30 Morning workshop

She is trying to keep everyone connected so they can know what is going on and participate.

Any Other Business:

Bonnie Hodina got a request on messenger asking for help with a t-shirt quilt. If anyone would like to contact her, please let Bonnie know.

Michelle said that Quilting in the Valley has a great kit for \$100 that has everything cut to size for t-shirt quilts and you can do two different quilts, one on each side.

Show and Tell:

Margaret de Leon won the afternoon show and tell.

Motion to adjourn Afternoon: 1st – Lynne Brown 2nd Pam Surmo

Time: 3:48

Motion to adjourn Evening: 1st – Mary Leach 2nd Deanne Spataro

Time: 8:23

Respectfully submitted by Janis Albeck.





Lastest news

We have received a request to make a tee shirt quilt. Please contact Pam Collings if you are interested and she can give you the contact info.

Retreat Fun!!!

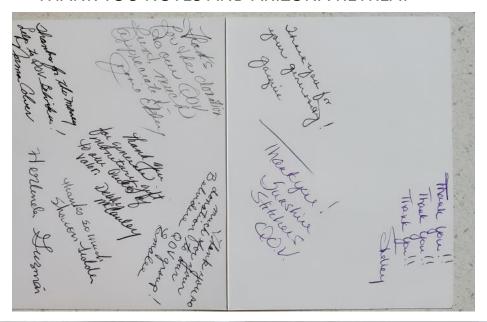






As you can tell we had fun! We exercised, Roberta showed us how to make Ravioli and many other fun break out sessions including a book review as well. Many thanks to Marie Tovo, Deanne Spataro,, Julie Cuchinelli and Judy Mullen.

THANK YOU NOTES AND ARIZONA RETREAT



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GET WELL NOTE

I received a comfort quilt from Sinnissippi Quilters after my fall this last August where I broke my hip. Recovery has been slow, but I hope soon to get back to the meetings.

It is a beautiful quilt and I appreciate the thoughtfulness of our members. Thank you all so much.

Suzanne Swenson

CHRISTMAS MIX-UP

Can you rearrange the letters in these words to form 4 Christmas titles?

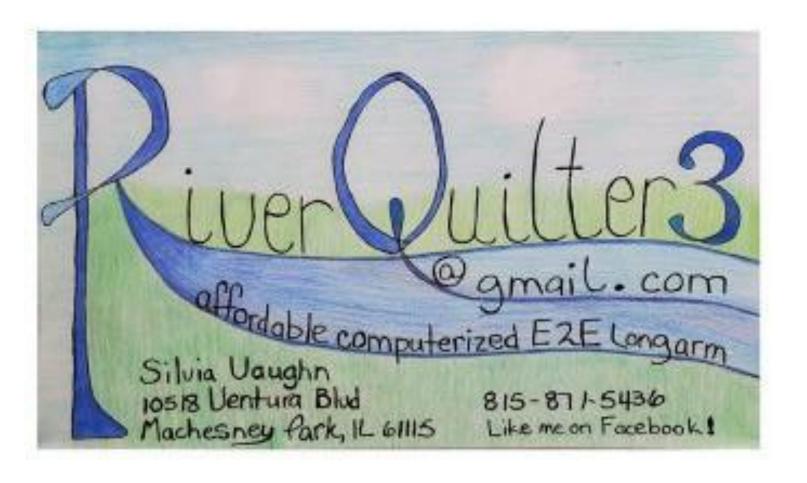
- 1. TRUANT CHECKER
- 2. LIGHTEST INN
- 3. HE GOT FIFTIETH MAG
- 4. FUND OF WATER LILIES

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

ANSWERS ON PAGE 17



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



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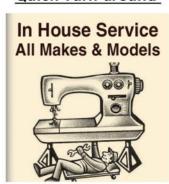
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- 1. The Nutcracker
- 2. Silent Night
- 3. The gift of the Magi
- 4. It's a Wonderful Life



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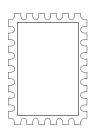
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Nancy Noortag	20	Theresa Murphy	12
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