



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.
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Sinnissippi Quilters Inc

Volume 41 No. 4 www.sinnissippiquilters.org

April-May

Presidents Message

The excitement is building! We just completed a successful Neonatal Sew-In. 50 quilts were handed in and hung around the room. Hopefully you are busy preparing your entries for the Quilt Show. Be sure to hand them in on or before the April meeting. In order to make the show work we need everyone to sign up on the volunteer sheets. If you have restrictions, contact Coleen Magee to see which position will work for you. If we all do our part, we will show our pride in our Guild! Thanks for being an amazing member of an amazing Guild!

Silvia Vaughn, President

INFORMATION

Upcoming Meetings at church and Zoom:

Thursday April 6th@ 1pm & 6:30pm
Thursday May 4th@ 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 special edition of Quilt show newsletter is May 10th. Traditional newsletter May 20th,

Please email Michelle Watson

Quick Calendar

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



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 A/V for ZOOM	 (A) Bonnie Hodina (A) Marie Tovo (E) Mary Leach (E) open

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.

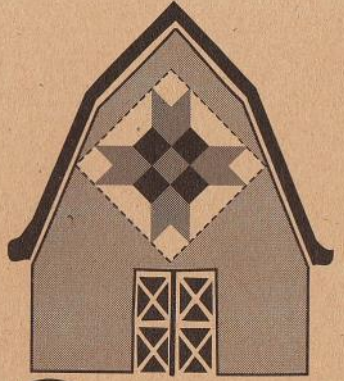


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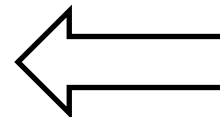
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2021-2022 Programs

All programs are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

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|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)!! |

FROM THE RAFFLE QUILT COMMITTEE

Thank you for all your help selling raffle tickets for our beautiful quilt.

We appreciate your help. ALL MONIES from sales will need to be turned in at the April meeting in order to be

counted for the prize of getting your dues paid for next year. If you have any tickets that you have not sold,

they can be turned in at that time also so we can sell them at the quilt show.

Tickets and money can be turned in at the quilt show but will not count toward the prize.

Thanks again for all your help -

Margaret deLeon and Mary Leach

SINNISSIPPI QUILT GUILD SMALL GROUP DIRECTORY

SOUTHERN QUILTERS

Our next meeting will tentatively be the first Monday, April 4th at 9:30am at Byron Library, 2nd floor.

All are welcome. Call Bonnie Hodina for 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-natal 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.

WANTED QUILTERS IN BELEVIDERE AREA!!!

Looking for quilters in joining a small quilting group in Belvidere and surrounding area. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays evening :approx., 7:00-10:00PM. All skill levels are welcome.

Please contact Rhonda Settle

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.

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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 QUILTERS INC.
2022-2023 PROGRAMS

08/04/22 Incoming board members trunk show and opportunity to get to know one another

09/01/22 Julie Silber (www.juliesilberquilts.com) **via Zoom**

Julie Silber is one of the world's most respected quilt experts. She has been selling antique quilts to museums, businesses, and individuals since 1968. Julie was the curator of the world-renowned **Esprit Quilt Collection in San Francisco** and is the co-author of the critically acclaimed books, **Hearts and Hands** and **Amish: The Art of the Quilt**. She has curated two of the most respected quilt exhibitions of modern times — those at **The Oakland Museum** and the **Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco**.

Afternoon: "Keep 'Em in Stitches"

Evening: "Dearest Quilts: A Collector's Approach"

10/6/22 Barb and Bill Gover (www.threadandtimberquilts.com) **in person**

Our art is a collaboration between Barb (Thread), a long-time quilter and Bill (Timber), a retired engineer and emerging woodworker. One of us is improvisational, one analytical. Our strengths combined, create a more dynamic whole.

Afternoon and Evening: The Story of Thread and Timber Quilts

11/3/22 Meg Cox (www.megcox.com) **via Zoom**

Meg is a prolific journalist (Wall Street Journal) and passionate quilter. Additionally, Meg served on the board of the national nonprofit [Quilt Alliance](http://www.quiltalliance.org) for 10 years and was president for 6 years. She writes a popular free monthly e-newsletter called Quilt Journalist Tells All.

Afternoon: International Quilt Museum

Evening: "Quilt Journalist Tells All"

12/01/22 Annual holiday party

01/05/23 Shelley Tobisch (www.easyprecisionpiecing.com) **via Zoom**

Shelley has been a passionate quilting instructor for 30 years. She has developed many new methods and tools, to help you get spectacular results. She is the author of "Easy Precision Piecing" from C&T Publishing. Shelley's new System for accurate piecing, and organization, are getting rave reviews from beginners and seasoned quilters alike!

02/02/23 Bernie Tobisch (www.easyprecisionpiecing.com) **via Zoom**

Bernie is a sewing machine technician with 44 years of experience. After moving to Canada from Germany at the age of 6, he traded his lederhosen for jeans and has never looked back. In his career, he has serviced over 50,000 sewing machines of all brands. He is the author of "You And Your Sewing Machine" and "Sewing Machine Reference Tool" from C&T Publishing.

03/02/23 Neonatal Sew-In

04/06/23 Kathy K. Wylie (www.kathykwylie.com) **via Zoom**

Kathy K. Wylie is a multiple international-award winning quilter specializing in appliqué, quilt design, domestic machine quilting and English Paper Piecing techniques. She has lectured and taught all over the country at guilds, shops and quilt shows and now offers online workshops and presentations

Her work has been featured in magazines, and her designs are available as individual patterns as well as in her book "Sewflakes: Papercut Appliqué Quilts."

Afternoon: "The Art of Applique"

Evening: "Beauty is All Around"

05/04/23 Paul Leger (www.paullegerquilts.com) **via Zoom OR in person**

Paul lives in Ottawa, Canada where he worked for the federal government for 16 years after spending 21 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and retiring to pursue his quilting passion in 2016. His journey in quilting in May 1990 when his mother, a quilter and dressmaker, encouraged him to buy a sewing machine "for sewing emergencies".

Afternoon: "My Journey in Quilting"

Evening: "Journey the World"

05/06/23-05/07/23 Paul Leger Workshop "Square Peg-Round Hole"

06/01/23 Alex Anderson (www.alexandersonquilts.com) **via Zoom**

Alex hardly needs an introduction. She began quilting in 1978 and since then has authored numerous books, has hosted "Simply Quilts" on HGTV and is a founding partner (with Ricky Tims) of TheQuiltShow.com the world's first full-service interactive online video/web TV created just for quilters world-wide. With over 140,000+ registered members in over 100 countries, The Quilt Show.com's mission is to educate, inspire, entertain, connect and grow the world quilting community in a fun, positive and interactive environment.

Afternoon: TBD

Evening: TBD

07/06/23 TBD

Thank you Robin looks like a fun year!!!



SQG Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Meetings 1:00 & 6:30 (In person & zoom)

Program: MJ Kinman from Louisville, KY gave a wonderful talk on creating art quilts using gems as her inspiration. "Only you can make your art."

"Your vision should exceed your execution. It means you're on to something. Don't get frustrated!"

Call meeting to order: (A) Silvia Vaughn Time: 2:24

(E) Coleen O'Kane Time: 7:47

Treasurer: Deanne Spataro

Checking Account balance:

Money Market balance:

Collins Aerospace offered to match donations for charities in December. Our members donated \$950 and Collins matched \$1900 = \$2850 for our guild.

Publications: Michelle Watson

The Newsletter was posted on Monday.

Please send news to Michelle Watson

Tell us what your mini group is doing.

Due date for the next newsletter is March 20th.

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

Membership Total to date: 112

Attendance: (A) In Person - 33 Zoom - 13 Guests - 0 New Members - 2

(E) In Person - 14 Zoom - 10 Guests - 0 New Members - 1

Attendance drawing: (A) Judy Mullins (E) Hannah Kaytonah

Birthday drawing: (A) Pam Surmo (E) NA

No Name Tag Money: (A) \$1.50 (E) \$0.50

Bring a visitor by giving them a card. The cards will also be available at Sunshine Stitches, Quilter's Haven and Quilter's General.

Programs: Roberta Suess / Robin Gausebeck

UFO - #2 was due at February meeting and Mary Leach was the winner for the month.

The UFO project for March is Neo-natal and for April is #7.

March - Neo-natal sew-in

April - Linda Pearl - One Quilting Circle - There will be two different programs. One in the afternoon and another in the evening. April 9th will be a zoom workshop.

May - Lois Meece - Color theory. There may be a workshop between meetings.

The 2022-2023 speaker calendar is ready and will be posted on the website.

Special Projects: Linda Egeland / Sherry DeBuhr / Pam Surmo

Quilts on hand - 9 Received today - 11 Quilts given to Swedes/Mercy - 16

Pillowcases on hand - 0 Received today - 7 Given to Mercy - 18

There are 41 kits checked out. Please complete them and bring in next month for neo-natal or if you are unable to complete them turn them back in so someone can.

The neo-natal sew-in for March will be from 9:30AM - 7:30 PM. We can not use the kitchen or frig so please plan on bring a sack lunch or go out for lunch. You can bring a snack to share if you chose.

Quilt Show 2024 Raffle Quilt Committee: Silvia Vaughn/Sandy Pyper

No report

Facebook: Lynne Brown

Text photos anytime.

Audio/Visual Committee: (A) Bonnie Hodina/Marie Tovo

(E) Bonnie Hodina/Mary Leach

Email Blasts: Go out on Fridays from sqi2101@gmail.com

Silvia will also send out other information as it comes in.

Old Business: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O’Kane

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

New Business: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O’Kane

Coleen O’Kane is working on filling positions for next year. Please consider where you can help and volunteer. Our guild depends on volunteers to continue being a guild.

National Quilting Day is March 12th. Any ideas what we can do to celebrate?

We formed a committee last month to explore our options to update our website. Roberta Suess’s stepson would be able to set this up for us. Roberta has offered to head up this project. The good news is that the donations for Collins will pay for the cost. Its is estimated that it would take 10-12 hours at \$40/hour to set up. The annual fee will be around \$400 and we can get additional advertisers to help cover the cost. We would be able to have a members only page, better able to make our guild visible to the community and we can add things as we see the need in the future.

Discussion: Question was asked if the site is compatible with smart phones?

Motion to go ahead with the project: (A) Janis Albeck (E) Luanne Hanna

Second: (A) Starr Pittaway (E) Deanne Spataro

Vote: (A) 2 Abstaining (E) Unanimous

Susan Knoup will be on the news with her small quilts for Rock House. Her business is called Susie Appleseed and she has made over 1000 quilts.

Both Robin Gausebeck and Karen Grover will have miniature quilts displayed in the exhibit Modern Meets Modern at the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. Congratulations!

Any Other Business:

Southern Quilters will not be meeting this month.

Spam & Mini Morning Workshops: Barb Lange and Pam Surmo

February Project: Snap Purses that turned out very cute!

Quilt Show: Barb Clucas / Deanne Spataro / Bonnie Hodina

The quilt show is April 30th-May 1st. The next meeting will be February 14th.

Bonnie Hodina will prepare the booklet.

Be sure to turn in your medallions to Becky. Please complete your flower banners and turn them in to Robin Gausebeck or Karen Grover.

Please fill out the forms to enter your quilts for the quilt show and get them to Robin Gausebeck or Karen Grover.

Still looking for volunteers and suggestions for Publicity.

Bookmarks are completed. Be sure and take some to distribute to stores, groups or anywhere there might be interest.

Norma Copes has all the quilts she requested for Bed Turning.

Georgi Homuth cannot accept any more donations. Any suggestions?

There are sign-up sheets out to sign up for time you are available to help for quilt judging, set-up, and areas of need for volunteers.

Pam Surmo and special projects will be in charge of the silent auction. Items are needed.

Comfort Quilts: Vicki Tallacksen

Continue making 12.5" unfinished blocks

Lutheran Social Services: Carol Swenson

Carol is checking to see if they want draw string backpacks as Southern Quilters have completed several to donate.

Historian and RAAC: Donna Langford/ Amy Ottens

Donna Langford will be featured as one of 25 interesting people in the Northwest Quarterly Magazine. Congratulations Donna!

We received a grant from RAAC that will pay for the Princess Diana traveling exhibit for the quilt show.

Retreats: Marie Tovo / Deanne Spataro

No report.

Quilt School: Amy Ottens

No report.

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Country Crossroads Quilt Guild joined us to show their raffle quilt. It is a Monique Jacobs Amour fabric line quilt. Their show will be April 29-30 at the Rock River Center in Oregon.

Call meeting to order: (A) Silvia Vaughn Time: 1:03 PM
(E) Coleen O'Kane Time: 6:40 PM

Treasurer: Deanne Spataro

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Please send news to Michelle Watson

Tell us what your mini-group is doing.

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Membership Total to date: 115

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Attendance drawing: (A) Janis Albeck (E) Miriam Gonzalez

Birthday drawing: (A) Harriet Basel (E) Brenda Carpenter

No Name Tag Money: (A) \$2.75 € \$0.50

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Programs: Roberta Suess / Robin Gausebeck

UFO – March is Neo Natal The April project is #7.

April – Linda Pearl – Onequiltingcircle.com – 10 Quilters You Should Know. It will be in 2 parts – one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

A zoom workshop will be held on April 9th – “Spring Morning” table runner. The cost is \$35 per person and will include the pattern. The supply list will be provided prior to the workshop. Sign up at March sew-in or call Roberta.

May – In person lecture with Lois Meece – Color Theory There will be a free workshop between meetings starting at 3:00. Details later.

Special Projects: Linda Egeland / Sherry DeBuhr / Pam Surmo

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Knitted baby hats to Mercy: 0

Special thanks to Linda and Sherry for all their hard work putting the sew-in together.

WREX tv was here today and the footage will be televised at 6:00PM.

Spam & Mini Morning Workshops: Barb Lange and Pam Surmo

Workshops will be postponed until after the quilt show. If you would like to get together in the morning and just work on your own projects, please contact Barb Lange

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Be sure to turn in your medallions to Becky and your banners in to Karen or Robin.
Take some bookmarks and distribute to places you visit. Fee is \$8.00. Check out the website for more information.

Boutique items – Georgi has all she can handle. If you have other giftable items, consider donating to the silent auction. Contact Pam Surmo.

Don't forget to sign up for time slots to help with the show or call Colleen Magee to volunteer. Raffle ticket sales are slow. Please do your part in helping our show be a success!

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No report.

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Our Vice President, Coleen O'Kane will be calling soon for the nominating committee. Please consider now how you can serve!

March 12th is National Quilting Day.

The board made a motion to purchase new quilt racks and the membership will vote on the following:

Purchase 4 pipe and drape kits consisting of 50'x8' backdrop kit made of aluminum frames, OBK base, pipe carry bag and base carry bag for each kit. The cost \$650 each for a total of \$2348 plus tax. There will be no shipping if picked up in Romeoville. A portion will be paid by the Collins donation and the remainder will come out of the Guild treasury.

Yes - 40 (E) Yes - 7

No - 0 No - 0

Vote for Baby Quilts: Winners for afternoon/evening

1st – Mary Fields #14 and Amy Salamone #8

2nd – Marie Happ #15 and Barb Clucas #9

3rd – Luanne Hanna #4 and Deanne Spataro #1

4th – Mary Leach #7 and Sherry DeBuhr #7

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Show and Tell Winners: (A) Starr Pittaway (E) Barb Clucas

Motion to adjourn Afternoon: 1st Mary Leach 2nd Ruth Perley

Time: 1:19

Motion to adjourn Evening: 1st Linda Egeland 2nd Hannah Kaytonah

Time: 6:48

Respectfully submitted by Janis Albeck.



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love.**

She also serves who only sits and sews.

**Oh, if only she could see the journey her treasures take. The toddler
home at last dragging her blanky through their day, until they settle in
the arms of Morpheus bound in warmth and security.**

**The grandchild whose bed cover tells them they are loved by one who
thought of them with every stitch and delivered it with a prayer that
they would know the love that spans the generations.**

**The grand and eloquent spread that covers the newlywed's bed to sanc-
tion the love they share and tell them someone is praying for all their
hopes and dreams to be realized.**

She also serves who only sits and sews.

**And as the years pile up and the people in her life begin to experience
the ravages of time and wear – each one receives a quilt that tells them
she knows and shares their pain and offers them love and comfort.**

**And yes, one day the sewing machine will stop singing and she too will
join the gathering throng and hear her Savior say, Well done – you
served me well when you only sat and sewed.**

By Rich Erickson

(Written for Jane Erickson)





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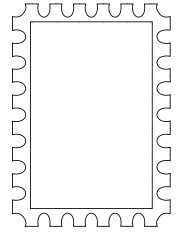
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