



Sinnissippi Quilters Inc

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August– September

August Meeting is at Creekwood Baptist Church

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

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:

Creekwood Baptist Church
5973 Darlene Drive
Rockford, IL 61109

INFORMATION

Upcoming Meetings at church and Zoom:

Thursday August 4th@ 1pm & 6:30pm
Thursday, September 1st@ 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 Traditional newsletter September 20th,

Please email Michelle Watson

President's Message

While it's been a crazy two years, the Sinnissippi Quilters have come into the age of technology with flying colors thanks to the great leadership of Silvia Vaughn and the leadership and help of Bonnie Hodina. We owe those two along with the amazing board members a great big thank you!

We also managed to put on another wonderful quilt show with the help of our many volunteers. They say many hands make lite work and we have many fantastic helpers. Thank you to all of our present and future volunteers.

While I'd say that we accomplished quite a bit in the last two years, I'm very excited to see what's in store for the coming year!!

Coleen O'Kane, President 2022 - 2023

Quick Calendar

Aug 4th- Officer Show and Tell

Sept 1st- Julie Silber www.juliesilberquilts.com
via Zoom



Sinnissippi 2022-2023 Board Members

PRESIDENT– Coleen O’Kane

VICE PRESIDENT- Janis Albeck

TREASURER 1- Deanne Spataro

2- Robin Gausebeck

SECRETARY (A) - Kris Allen

{E} -Marie Stenger

PROGRAMS 1- Robin Gausebeck

2- Bobbi Willoughby

PUBLICATIONS- Michelle Watson

SPECIAL PROJECTS 1- Linda Egeland/Sherri DeBuhr

2- Pam Surmo

MEMBERSHIP (A)- Margaret de Leon/Star Pittaway

{E}- Linda Lewandowski/Carol Folkerts

QUILT SHOW CHAIR- Bonnie Hodina

STANDING COMMITTEES

WEBMASTER- Roberta Suess

SHOW AND TELL- (A) Barb Clucas

{E} Luanne Hanna

SUNSHINE- Jane Erickson

COMFORT QUILTS- Vicki Tallacksen

HISTORIAN- Donna Langford

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RAAC COUNCIL LIAISON- Donna Langford/Amy Ottens

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Audio Visual (A)- Silvia Vaughn/Marie Tovo

{E}- Bonnie Hodina/Mary Leach

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FACEBOOK- Lynn Brown

QUILT SCHOOL- Amy Ottens

QUILTSHOW RAFFLE QUILT- Silvia Vaughn/Sandy Piper

PRESIDENTS BLOCKS- Sandy Pyper

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Silvia's Last President Message

I laughed out loud when I reread my August 2021 message. I actually thought this last year would be calmer. What could be more disruptive than Covid, right? I have found that it doesn't have to be a big thing but many distracting mundane things that try to rattle your calm. The fall was pretty good, then our Tech guy was injured so Bonnie and I were back to square one with Zoom. Then the rent was raised and we had to look

Well, I'm going to say it again! 2022-2023 will be a CALMER year! We have everything in place and other than adjusting to our new meeting place, I am looking forward to some amazing lectures and time spent with friends doing what we love to do!!

Thanks for the BEST YEAR EVER!!!!

Silvia Vaughn, President

2021-2022

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.



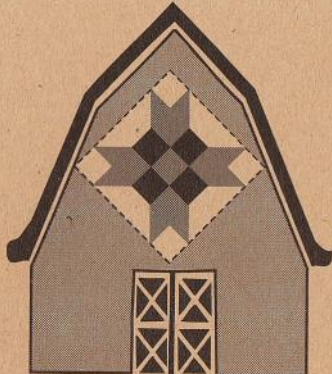
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SOUTHERN QUILTERS

Southern Quilters will be meeting on different days through the summer to work around the library's summer schedule. The June meeting is Monday August 8th, 9:30 -1pm. We will be working on blocks for quilts to go to neonatal and the cancer clinic. Bring your machine, white thread and sewing supplies to sew blocks. If you don't want to bring a machine you can cut strips or you can bring your own project to work on. Anyone is welcome so come join us!

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.

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Please contact Vicki Tallacksen
If someone needs a comfort quilt.

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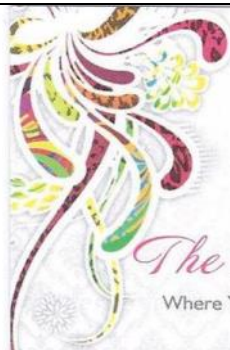


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The designated "Sunshine" person in the guild is responsible for spreading sunshine and encouragement to those in the guild who need it. She will send get well, sympathy or other appropriate cards when notified. To be notified, someone in the guild 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

Afternoon: "The Art of Applique"
Evening: "Beauty is All Around"

Afternoon: "My Journey in Quilting"
Evening: "Journey the World"

Afternoon: TBD
Evening: TBD

UFO CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM 2022-2023

NAME	
EMAIL	

PROJECT #	MONTH DUE	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	DONE ?
1			
2			
3			
4			
5	MARCH	Neo-natal quilts	
6			
7			

Description of project – what needs to be accomplished to call the project done.

Please make a copy of this form and return it to Robin Gausebeck or Bobbi Willoughby by October 1, 2022. The first project will be drawn at the October guild meeting and will need to be completed by November 1.

The cost for the challenge is \$10 and the money will be used to furnish prizes at the conclusion of the entire challenge.

Robin email: RobinQuilts@comcast.net

Bobbi email : homebody.rw@gmail.com

SQG Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2022
Meetings 1:00 – 6:30 (In person and zoom)

Call meeting to order: Silvia Vaughn (A) 2:29 PM
Coleen O’Kane (E) 7:55 PM

Raffle Quilt – Prairie Star Guild - Aileen Vogel

Their Quilt show is in St. Charles October 14-15 at the DuPage County Fair-grounds.

Program – Lilo Bowman – Adapting for Change (1pm) Love where you create (6:30) Ideas and tips on how to pare down, organize your space, making donations, and moving. Lilo has been the editor and chief of QuiltShow.com for fifteen years.

Book giveaway winners: (A) Bonita Porter (E) Marie Stenger

Treasurer: Deanne Spataro

Checking account balance

Money market balance

Publications: Michelle Watson

The next newsletter items were due by May 30th. The Newsletter for June/July is on the website. Ten newsletters were mailed via USPS.

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

Membership total to date 138 (19 from the Quilt Show)

Attendance June 2, 2022

Afternoon: In Person 47 Zoom 10 Guests 2 New Members 1

Evening: In Person 24 Zoom 11 Guests 0 New Members

Name tag drawing: (A) Barb Clucas (E) Carol Folkerts

Birthday: (A) Barb Lange (E)

No Name Tag: (A) \$2.25 (E) \$1.25

Programs: Roberta Suess / Robin Gausebeck (E)

July – Ice Cream Social and to celebrate our 40th anniversary which was in 2020 but wasn’t celebrated UFO Challenge – 17 people signed up. Ten people finished their projects for June. Mary Leach was the winner of a Lucky quilting gift card.

Special Projects: Linda Egeland / Sherry DeBuhr / Pam Surmo

NICU quilts – We received 20, delivered 14. We now have 56 on hand. Pillowcases - We received 18, delivered 17, and 7 on hand. 1 knitted baby hat delivered. 1 receiving blanket and 1 afghan on hand.

17 tote bags went to Carol Swenson

17 fidget quilts are left from the Quilt Show, which the committee is hoping to donate.

. The July meetings will not be on Zoom.

SPAM & workshops: Barb Lange

An Eblast! will go out for the next workshop. We can now meet at Cherry Valley Library. June 4th & July 9th from 9:30- 4:30. Workshops be held between meetings and announced through an Eblast! For the make and take workshop on June 4 at CVL, bring two fat quarters. Plan to make pillowcases that day.

Comfort Quilts: Vicki Tallacksen

Vicki needs 12.5" blocks.

Lutheran Social Services: Carol Swenson No report.

Quilt School: Amy Ottens

Quilt School will be July 11, 18, 25, and August 1st. Please contact her to volunteer. Four helpers are needed for each session. This will be CLR through Rock Valley College.

Mini Groups: This info is in the Newsletter.

Quilt Show: Barb Clucas / Deanne Spataro / Bonnie Hodina

We had about 764 attendees. The door took in \$5,300. Loveable Leftovers brought in \$5,500. The Silent auction generated \$2,302. There are still some bills to pay before we have the final figures. Advertising for the booklets took in \$1273, printing cost was \$1200. A Quilt Show report will be given at the July meeting.

Audio/Visual Standing Committee: Marie Tovo, Bonnie Hodina, and Silvia Vaughn are on the afternoon committee. Bonnie and Mary Leach are on the evening committee. Please volunteer if you have any expertise in this area.

Historian and RAAC: Donna Langford No Report.

President's Blocks: The President's block will be any size and color of 9 Patch. Mary Bonne will collect them in the afternoon and Coleen O'Kane will collect them in the evening. They will be presented to Silvia at the July meeting.

Retreats: Marie Tovo / Deanne Spataro No report.

Facebook: Lynn Brown We can send our pictures to her at any time, and she will either post them or hold them until after the next meeting.

Old Business: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O'Kane

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

Nominations: The proposed roster for the Executive Board was presented on the screen for approval.

Discussion – In the future we hope to move publications to the website.

Motion – (A) Marge Sment (E) Barb Clucas

Second - (A) Starr Pittaway (E) Carol Folkerts

The vote to accept the nominations was: (A) 49 yes 0 no

(E) 24 Yes 0 no

New Business: Silvia Vaughn / Coleen O’Kane

The Rental Contract with Bethesda Church has not been signed yet. They have asked for an increase in the rent from \$300 to \$400 a month. We are asking each member to check around at familiar locations to see if there are any other places that we could meet. Look for higher tech facilities, more light, and storage if possible. Physically check it out and email Silvia the information. Five locations have been suggested and will be checked out by Bonnie Hodina, Janis Albeck, and Silvia Vaughn.

The Southern Quilters will have a sewing session on June 8 at the Byron Library.

Dini Ramlow donated a quilt and a crocheted blanket to sell. The Guild is to receive the money from the sale of these items.

We had a thank you from Kathy Eubank, one of the Quilt Show judges. She enjoyed her time with us and would like to be considered for judging our next show.

The winner of the raffle quilt was Katie Boughton.

While shop hopping this summer, Michelle Watson reminded us to be sure to thank the shops who support us through ads in the newsletter and the Quilt Show booklet.

Project Linus is asking for donations of adult-sized quilts (60x60 or 60x92) for the staff and teachers of Uvalde. They would like them ready to be shipped on July 25, 2022. They want to give them out on the first day of school. 500 are requested. If anyone is interested the email address is patty@projectlinus.org. It will also be EBlast-ed!

Show & Tell Drawing: (A)

(E) Sherry DeBuhr

Motion to adjourn:

Seconded:

(A)

(E) Luanne Hanna

Linda Egeland

Time: (A) 3:15 PM

(E) 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Stenger

SQG Meeting Minutes
July 7th, 2022
Meetings 1:00 & 6:30 (In person only)

Call meeting to order: (A) Silvia Vaughn Time: 1:04

(E) Coleen O’Kane Time: 6:31

Pam Surmo – Dimi Remilow donated a quilt and an afghan to the guild. They will be raffled off today and the money will go into the general fund.

Linda Egeland won the afghan and Sherry DeBuhr won the quilt.

Jeanine Brinkmeyer gave a presentation on her work with American Girl Doll charities. She finds used dolls, refurbishes them, makes outfits for them and gives them to underprivileged children. She is offering us an opportunity to get involved by making clothing, 16” x 20” doll bed quilts or monetary contributions. Barb Lange spoke with her about coming to SPAM and making some doll clothes.

Treasurer: Deanne Spataro

Checking Account balance: \$

Money Market balance: \$

Publications: Michelle Watson

Tell us what your mini group is doing.

Due date for the next newsletter is July 22nd.

Please read the August newsletter as it will have lots of updates.

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

Membership Total to date: 140

Attendance: (A) In Person 46 Zoom 0 Guests 2 New Members 0

(E) In Person 22 Zoom 0 Guests 2 New Members 0

Attendance drawing: (A) Kathy Bender (E) Pam Surmo

Birthday drawing: (A) Bobbi Willoughby (E) Sherry DeBuhr

No Name Tag Money: (A) \$3.00 (E) \$2.00

Bring printed membership forms to the August meeting.

Programs: Roberta Suess / Robin Gausebeck

July - Ice Social and 40th (+2) Anniversary Celebration

We have 3 charter members that are part of the guild. Each lady talked about things they remembered about how the guild was started with 20

ladies. Dee Pitthan, Judy Peters and Sue Swenson. Roberta also invited Zan Picchioni to join us. She was a charter board member with a funny story to tell.

August – New board trunk show and bring a signature recipe.

Thanks so much to Roberta for all the wonderful programs you brought to our guild this year!

Special Projects: Linda Egeland / Sherry DeBuhr / Pam Surmo

Quilts on hand: 57 Received today: 18 Given to Swedes/Mercy 14

Pillowcases on hand: 7 Received today: 18 Given to Mercy: 17

Knitted baby hats to Mercy: 1

1 receiving blanket and 1 afghan on hand

Delivered 17 fidget quilts to Lincolnshire Care Center

Spam & Workshops: Barb Lange

Cherry Valley Library July 9th from 9:30-4:30. Barb will teach a project bag. Silvia sent out an eblast with the items needed for the project. Let Barb know if you plan to attend so she can set up tables.

The library will not schedule dates more than 6 weeks out so the workshops will be announced as they are scheduled.

Barb Clucas will teach a retreat zipper bag in August.

Quilt Show: Barb Clucas / Deanne Spataro / Bonnie Hodina

The quilt show totals are in – Income - \$20,113.54 Expense - \$12,286.45

Profit - \$7827.09 Raffle quilt profit - \$2600.00 The profit is divided in half and spread over the next two years.

We signed up 19 new members at the show. Great idea to offer the special pricing!

Comfort Quilts: Vicki Tallacksen

Continue making 12.5" unfinished blocks 1 comfort quilt was given out.

Sunshine: Jane Erickson

Sunshine mailed 5 cards this past year.

Lutheran Social Services: Carol Swenson

111 small quilts were given out from 7/21-6/22

41 backpacks made by Southern Quilt group were also given out.

Audio/Visual Standing Committee:

Bonnie Hodina and Mary Leach are on the evening committee. Marie Tovo, Bonnie Hodina and Silvia Vaughn are on the afternoon. If you have any expertise in this area please volunteer.

Historian and RAAC: Donna Langford

Donna joined the quarterly meeting on 7/1/22. They are making some changes and thinking of adding a Grants Officer. They would like our guild to provide some thoughts on what a grants officer can provide. There is an action grant 9/1-10/31 for art related initiative for \$500.

Last year Collins had a special incentive for their employees. If you donated to a charity they matched the donation. Some of our members donated

\$300 so we got an extra \$300 from Collins. If you know of anything like that going on this year please let the guild know.

Retreats: Marie Tovo / Deanne Spataro

No report.

Quilt School: Amy Ottens

The quilt school is in the Rock Valley summer catalog and will be June 11 – June 18 – June 25 – July 1. If you are interested in helping, please contact Amy. There is a limit of 8 students so the number of helpers will be limited also for safety reasons.

President's Blocks: Mary Bonne presented Silvia with the blocks in the afternoon and Coleen O'Kane presented the blocks in the evening. It looked like quite an assortment of sizes. I can't wait to see the finished quilt!

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

Will get started in August.

Facebook: Lynne Brown

Text photos anytime. We are talking about doing something for a private Facebook group so that we can add other information.

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

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

Quilters Haven is moving in September to 6409 E Riverside Blvd. They are having moving sales now.

Lucky Quilts is also moving just up the street from their current location in Pecatonica. The sales have already started and she will be adding new sale items every Wednesday in July.

Byron Quilt Show is July 8-10. Go to www.ByronMuseum.org for information.

New Location – After gathering information, visiting churches and lengthy discussions we are moving to Creekwood Baptist Church at 5973 Darlene Drive, Rockford. Corner of Harrison and Mulford next to the Masque. None of the locations were perfect but this one checked off the most + boxes. The rent is \$200 a month, we will have a key for access, and meet in the sanctuary with great audio/visual equipment. We will have to find a new location for our neo-natal sew-in and Christmas party but look at the possibilities!

Our first meeting at the new location will be Thursday, August 4th.

Membership please call all the people that don't use computers to let them know about the change. We will need to go to the quilt shops and change out the cards for guild information.

Show and Tell Winners: (A) Linda Egeland (E) Mary Leach

Motion to adjourn Afternoon: Lori Dickman 2nd – Starr Pittaway

Time: 3:26

Motion to adjourn Evening: Deanne Spataro 2nd Mary Leach

Time: 8:12

Respectfully submitted by: Janis Albeck

It has been an honor to serve as your secretary for the past two years. It gave me and opportunity to get to know some of you better and for that I am grateful!

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Deanne Spataro	10
Victoria Jackson	14
Jane Herrig	19
JoAnn Russell	22
Judy Mullen	24
Donna Shay	25
Marie Stenger	28
Phyllis Campbell	30

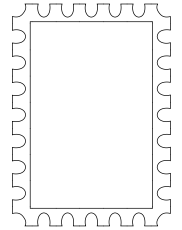
September

Rebecca Lamb	4
Georgiann Homuth	5
Becky Harvey	8
Donna Langford	18
Linda Lewandowski	20
Mary Leach	22





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