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# Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc.

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**Sinnissippi Quilters Guild  
August 3, 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes  
Creekwood Church  
1pm and 6:30pm**

**Call meeting to order: Janis Albeck (A) 1:02 PM**

**Janis Albeck (Sandy Hillis, VP) (E) 6:35 PM**

**Greet** – Please turn your phone off.  
Make sure you are signed in.

**Program:** Robin Gausebeck/Lori Dickman

Introduction of Board Members for 2023-2024

Trunk Show and Game of True/False statements to be voted on.

“How To” video with Lori Dickman on ideas for framing quilt blocks that could be used for Silent Auction at 2024 Seasons Quilt Show. Amy Ottens and Marge Sment are assisting with Silent Auction.

## **20 Minute Break**

We are starting a new year and want to continue getting to know one another. During our break today, which is going to be 20 minutes, 15 minutes for the Evening meeting. I would like to encourage you to talk to someone you have not met or haven't talked to in awhile and introduce yourself. Every month is going to be a fat quarter friendly time. Anyone who would like to participate will have a fat quarter they can share along with their introduction. Say hello and have some fun!

## **Business Meeting:**

**Programs:** Robin Gausebeck /Lori Dickman

The September bus trip to Madison Quilt Show. The bus is scheduled through VanGalder; the contract has been signed and deposit has been paid. Sign-ups will be at the June meeting and must be accompanied by \$35, payable to Sinnissippi Quilt Guild. The cost includes entrance to the Quilt Show but not lunch. The bus seats 56 people. There are currently 15 seats available. Meet at Target on State Street at 8:00 AM, returning around 3:30 PM.

Cassie at Lucky Quilting had several inquiries about having a bus to the show but was going to see how many she could get to sign up. If she doesn't get enough for a bus, she may send participants to us.



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October speaker, Robin Long, will present a revolutionary method for piecing Mariner's Compass block.

November speakers are Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr. Afternoon topic is "What makes it Modern" and in the Evening it is "Rethinking Color."

**Treasurer:** Coleen O'Kane/Kaye Abolins (Submitted by Deanne Spataro)

Checking account balance: Not public information

Money Market account balance: Not public information

**Publications:** Newsletters have transitioned to weekly E-Blasts. The due date for any submissions will be the Wednesday before to be added to that week's E-Blast. Send your information to Roberta Suess.

Any members who do not have a computer, please contact a board member or other member who will share the E-Blast information.

**Membership:** Starr Pittaway/Barb Clucas(A) Carol Folkerts/Jackie Wilson (E): (5 min.)

\*Membership total to date: 155

\*Attendance August 3, 2023

\*Afternoon: In Person 58; Zoom 3; Guests 1; New Members 0.

Evening: In Person 20; Zoom 4; Guests 0; New Members 0.

Name tag drawing: (A) Linda Cleary; (E) Rhonda Settle

Birthday: (A) Diane Sand; (E) Deanne Spataro

No Name Tag: (A) \$ 4.00; (E) \$1.00

Those who renew in June, July or August will be entered in a drawing for a fat quarter bundle. Signing up early helps the Membership committee to enter information at an easier pace. The final date to be included in the directory is September 15<sup>th</sup>. 72 have signed up so far. (A) Bonita Porter and (E) Lynn Brown won a Fat Quarter Bundle for July.

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

\*Kits are available at the table in the entrance

## Neonatal:

There were 126 quilts on hand; 7 received, 24 delivered to the hospitals; there are 109 on hand.

There were 15 hats on hand, 0 received, 0 delivered, 15 on hand.

There were 26 pillowcases on hand, 12 received, 38 delivered, 0 on hand.

There is 1 fidget quilt on hand.



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Jane Erickson reported that the Compassion for Seniors meeting at Goodwill has been very successful. 18 placemats were made for Lifescape; 11 wheelchair pockets and 5 pocket necklaces. They will meet again on August 24<sup>th</sup>. She will contact Riverbluff Nursing Home for their needs.

The guild has received a generous and sizeable donation from the family of Lily Rude who passed away and was a longtime member of the Guild. Items will be used for several Special Projects areas and the Guild will benefit from the sale of items and fabric at Pam's home on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Times to be announced. Suggested prices are: \$1 for fat quarters, \$2 for ½ yard, \$4 for whole yard of fabric.

**Spam & Mini Morning Workshops:** Pam Surmo/Sherry DeBuhr  
There will not be a workshop this Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at Cherry Valley Library.

**Comfort Quilts:** Vicki Tallacksen - Continue making 12.5" (2 min.)

**Lutheran Social Services:** Carol Swenson  
They need small quilts (12x12" up to 20x20") for children going into foster care. This may be their only possession.

**Quilt School:** Amy Ottens

There will be classes this early fall. RVC is setting up the schedule for fall. Dates are Oct 12, 19, 26 and Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the new quilters or who will be willing to teach a block. Cost is \$15; each participant will receive a \$15 gift certificate from local quilt shops at the conclusion of the classes. Schedule of teachers and content will be included in E Blast.

**Retreat:** Marie Tovo/Deanne Spataro

The date for Patchwork by the Lake retreat is Nov 9 – 12, 2023 at same location, Covenant Harbor. \$335 for triple room; \$300 for quad. No dinner meal on Thursday; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday; breakfast on Sunday. Due to increasing costs at Covenant Harbor, the location may be moved to the Janesville Holiday Inn next year. This would allow for single or double rooms as well as multiple accommodations. There is adequate room for sewing.

**Mini Groups:** Send information to Roberta Suess for the newsletter/Eblasts.

Southern Quilters Mini group meets the Monday after the Guild meeting from 9:30 to 1:00 at the Byron Library

**Quilt Show Demos:** Lori Dickman  
Lori will post times and topics beginning in the October E Blasts.



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**Quilt Show:** Bonnie Hodina/Roberta Suess

Next meeting is August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 on Zoom

Chris Mann is working on the bookmarks. They will be available at the September meeting.

Bonnie is working on the sponsor letter.

Beck Harvey reports that Mercy Health has committed to donating \$500 toward the Seasons 2024 Quilt Show.

Karen Grover is heading a temperature quilt banner using our birthday month. See the website for details.

**Historian:** Donna Langford (2 min.)

Donna is currently going through the scrapbooks and developing a plan to make them more accessible.

**FaceBook:** We can now text Lynn Brown pictures of show and tell. She can either post them as she gets them or hold them until the meeting. Be sure to let her know if you do not want your picture on FaceBook. Please supply her with a picture of yourself so that she knows what you look like. Facebook submissions must be sent to Lynn Brown for her to post.

## **Other Committee Reports:**

**Quilt Show Raffle Quilt 2024 Committee:** Silvia Vaughn/Sandy Pyper (5 min)

The paperwork has been filed at the county treasurers' office. The raffle tickets will be available to pick up at the September meeting. Please do your part and sell as many tickets as possible or purchase a bunch for yourself.

We would like to have the raffle quilt at the Madison Show. We will need help from as many people as possible to be at the table to sell tickets. Please let Silvia know when you will be able to help out. After walking around the show awhile it would be a welcome respite to relax at the table and talk to people.

**Old Business:** Janis Albeck/Sandy Hillis

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

Last month we talked about having a Greeter at each meeting to say hello, answer questions and point anyone needing information in the right direction. The response was very good! We had a sign-up sheet and August, September and October are already full along with a couple other months. The signup sheet is on the membership table. Please find a month that will work for you. Great job you guys!



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Traditionally we would be presenting the past president with the President's Blocks. Coleen couldn't be here today so we are going to delay this until next month. Becky said that you all did such a great job making blocks and turning them in.

## **New Business**

Pam Surmo with Special Projects made a request for getting new quilt labels. The cost is \$348.95 for 1000 labels. The last order was April 2, 2021 for 1000 labels for \$336.95. The company is called Label Weavers. Discussion stated that labels are now being used on all donation quilts and that suggestions for alternative sources for tags with the same quality will be accepted. A motion was made to place the order for quilt labels for the cost of \$348.95 by (A) Becky Harvey, (E) Rhonda Settle and seconded by (A) Starr Pittaway, and (E) Roberta Suess. The motions passed.

Janis S spoke with Pam Eulberg from Village Quilters covering Lake Forest/Lake Bluff. They will be here with their quilt at our October meeting and their quilt show will be the end of October.

## **Any other Business?**

**Show and Tell drawing winners:** (A) Linda Egeland (E) Not recorded

Motion to adjourn. (A) Robin Gausbeck 2<sup>nd</sup> Starr Pittaway  
(E) Marie Stenger 2<sup>nd</sup> Peg Provenza

Time: (A) 3:25 PM (E) 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Allen