

Sinnissippi Quilters E-blast February, 2024

Programs, UFO Challenge & More:

- **2023-2024 UFO Challenge:** For those in this challenge- March is **NICU quilts** .
- **Are you a Secret Agent (a mystery quilt from Modern Quilt Studio) ?** If so, please bring your top (all missions assembled) to the **April** meeting to share with the guild.

March 7 NICU Sew In:

Calling all quilters !

Our Sew-In is ready for a fun day and fellowship 9:30-8:00.

We will have some kits available to work on or feel free to bring your own NICU quilt to work on and finish. Batting and some backing fabric will be available also.

Remember to bring a dish to pass as well, since we will be sew busy and in need of energy!

We have several door prizes and special prizes for the best quilts which need to be finished and voted on by other members. These will be displayed for all to see. You may enter as many as you wish, but only one gift certificate per person.

Look forward to seeing all of you and looking forward to a fun day!

Thank you, Pam, Linda and Sherry

Bring your sewing machine and tools.

- **April 4 Programs by Lisa Erlandson**
 - Afternoon: "Frankenquilt"
 - Evening: "Quilts in Our Time"
- **May 2 Business meeting and Quilt Show details**

SPAM- (Special Project and More):

- **Compassion for Seniors:** At the last event, 12 of us join together to make 21 fidget quilts for seniors. **Our next meeting time at Goodwill (in front of Woodmans) is March 21.** We'll start around 9:30 and end sometime after 3. Please plan on joining us for

whatever portion of the day you can. Call Jane Erickson at 815.566.6141 to let her know you can make it.

2024-Quilt Show “Seasons”- Count down, 10 Weeks Quilt Show

Dates: May 3: set up day, May 4 & 5th Show Days, 2024 at Sportscore II

Next Quilt Show Meetings: **Feb 27, 2024 – 6:30 pm- via zoom (& March 26, April 9 & April 23)**

- **Please share the Sinnissippi Quilt Show Facebook post** with your friends and family.
- **Bed Turning:** Norma Copes is leading the Bed turning for the quilt show. She is asking for a **two** more quilts: **a Quilt made of 30's fabric and one of feed sack material.** Please contact Norma at 815-231-6974 or at the next guild meeting.
- **Silent Auction:** The last Quilt Show in 2022 brought in \$2,300. sold 70 items, 24 non-members paid \$1,397 and 30 SQG members paid \$903.

The 2024 show wants to increase revenue this May.

To increase revenue this year many techniques used in 2022 will carryover, as well as some untried ideas:

To increase revenue for the guild, the Silent Auction will include selling quilts and crafts that appeal to non-quilters like wooden crafts, gardening and decor will be sold as well as our own quilts.

The auction will sell items with a larger spread price range, some items will sell for \$10 while others sell beyond \$200+. All guests should enjoy and purchase a wide range of items.

The Silent Auction will box together items that sell at a higher value. For example, an animal quilt can be combined with a stuffed animal that will sell with higher price and attract more bids. A kitchen table runner that joins with a quilting recipe book or an attractive cooking apron that brings in more bids.

Collection Bins will be at the afternoon & evening guild meetings on March 7 and Apr 4th. Remember to put your name on a donation if you want to be recognized for your donation or if your item is not bid-on we can give it back to you.

- **Volunteers –** Signup sheets will be at both meetings, **if you are attending via zoom please call Becky Harvey @ 815-742-7013 to sign up to help. You can get into the show for free when you volunteer to help with the show.**
- **Raffle Quilt:** Please pick up raffle tickets at each meeting to sell. Each of us has part in the sale of tickets. Questions – contact Silvia Vaughn.
- **2024 Sponsorship letter** attached – Please help in finding sponsors, ask business owners or others who may sponsor our quilt show.
- **Award Medallions:** **All medallions are turned in!** Thank you for all your help. Ribbons will be added to the medallions and will be used as Award ribbons at our quilt show.

Miscellaneous info

- **Quilt School** – Becky Harvey has taken over the Quilt School position- Thank you Becky!
- **Bad Weather** - In case of bad weather and if Rockford Public Schools close school for the day, then Sinnissippi Quilters will **NOT** have an in-person meeting, however we will still meet on ZOOM. Please refer to your email and use the link to join the meeting via Zoom.
- **Feeling ill?** If you are not feeling well, coughing, or sneezing please stay home, zoom into meeting, and get well!

• **Looking to sell your quilts?**

Email from Laura Phillips from Rock Valley Garden Center:

As a representative for Rock Valley Garden Center located on N Bell School Road. We have been reimagining our spaces and now have a lovely area right in the middle of our main building. We thought it would be wonderful to open it up for our quilting community; perhaps to display and sell quilts on consignment, with only a minimal commission to RVG. This is a process and we are looking for interest in the idea. There's a large area for display inside and outside of meeting space.

And it is air conditioned. I will be available for questions or suggestions at the greenhouse, or rockvalley@comcast.net Please let us know if this may appeal to any of your members. Thank you!

▪ **Small Group Details** can be found on our webpage:

- <https://sinnissippiquilters.org/members-page/> . Updates will be posted in future eBlasts.

• **North Star Group**

North Star Mini Group has been busy making a beautiful sampler quilt to donate to Serenity House in Byron. We have started quilting it and we can't believe that we, as a group, have produced a challenging quilt that is stunning.

We are now moving ahead to make items for the Silent Auction. In addition to items we will donate on our own time, we are enlarging small unfinished tops that Lily Rudd donated to SQG. Her skill was so outstanding it is a pleasure that we challenged our mini group to complete what she could not finish.

The North Star Mini Group meets on the third Friday of each month at Sunshine in Belvidere in the morning. If you haven't visited us yet, please drop in.

Requests for help:

- **Serenity House in Oregon IL**, is in need of 72"x 96" quilts used at the facility, covering each patient's bed as well as those beds used by family members. If you are interested in donating a

quilt for this cause, please contact Polly at Quilters General Store 815-397-5160. **Quilts are sometimes given to families. They are washed often, so the need will be on going.**

▪ **Happy Birthday to February Birthday members!** See your directory for names and dates.

▪ *Meeting Minutes are now on the website under Members Page- click **Date** to view.*

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. Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Membership dues are \$40 per year. Non-member speaker fee is \$10.

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