

Sinnissippi Quilters E-blast January 2024

Programs, UFO Challenge & More:

- **2023-2024 UFO Challenge**: For those in this challenge- **project # 4** on your list is due before **February meeting** send to quiltingwithlori@gmail.com
- **Work Shop**:
Robin Long, who gave a presentation on strip-pieced Mariners Compass quilts in October, has offered us a full-day workshop on Saturday March 23
- **February 1 Program-**
Afternoon: David Owen Hastings "Exploring Nature with Paper and Stitch"
Evening: David Owen Hastings "Quilt Labels to Love"
- **March 7 Program- NICU Sew In** – more info to come.

SPAM- (Special Project and More):

Compassion for Seniors: We met on Jan 18th and had a busy time creating 15 fidget quilts to be given to Swedish American hospital. Most of us had never made these before, so we had a great time learning the tricks. Our next meeting **is Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Goodwill on McFarland** (across from Woodman's) 9:30-3:30. Bring lunch or visit a fast-food place nearby. We supply fabric and directions; you bring your sewing machine. Give Jane a call at 815-566-6141 if you're coming.

2024-Quilt Show "Seasons"

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

Next Quilt Show Meeting January 23, 2024 – 6:30 pm- via zoom

- **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 20 quilts of all types to present: including wall hangings, baby, lap, bed quilts. In order to show the progression of quilting – all ages of quilts are desired and all types (modern, traditional, pieced, applique or whole cloth), with or without batting, and ornamental quilts. Please contact Norma at 815-231-6974 or at the next guild meeting.
- **Silent Auction**- Starting next week, the Silent Auction collection tub will appear at 3 more guild meetings, both afternoon and evening. We need baskets, ceramic bowls,

vases, flowerpots and any attractive items that we want to display our sale items in. We hope that you will **attach your name on the items you donate** for sale so that we can thank you. If your donation does not sell we will be able to return your donation to you or you can ask us to keep your donation for the guild's next craft fair.

More Silent Auction information will come in the weekly blasts.

- **Raffle Quilt** : Please pick up raffle tickets to sell from Silvia Vaughn— each of us has part in the sale of tickets.
- **Award Medallions**: Please return as soon as possible, give to Pam Surmo.

Miscellaneous info

- **Bad Weather -** In case of bad weather and if the 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 teach quilting?** Amy Ottens has decided to step down from Quilt School role. Please let Janis Albeck or Sandy Hillis know if you are willing to fill this position.

- **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 <u>for help:</u>

▪ **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 January Birthday members!** See your directory for names and dates.

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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