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NEXT MEETING:
Sept 5 (Rhonda Pierce)
Lutheran Church of the
Ascension
460 Sunset Ridge Road
Northfield, IL
Doors open at 6:30
Meeting begins at 7:00

NEXT WORKSHOP
September 7
(Marla Margelewski)
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1133 Pfingsten Road
Northbrook, IL

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Aug 26
Melanie Anderson's house
1107 Hull Terrace #2
Evanston, IL

President's Letter

Whoa! Just a month till it's time to attend IQI lectures and workshops again! And... there have been IQI happenings across the summer, as well as a few COMING UP THIS MONTH. First of all, Village Quilters have arranged a bus to the Madison show, on Friday, September 6. (See article, below). There's a big quilt show coming up August 24-25 in Peoria, Gems of the Prairie. Pride of the Prairie Guild has openings in their September lecture and class. Diana Burrows is home and looking for company if you are service-inclined. Cheryl Paras is spearheading another Friendship gathering in September, details TBA via email blast. NSNG has (lecture and) class space available in August. Lots going on!

Suzanne Davis-Killen's been burning up the Chicagoland area arranging massive travel for our Raffle Quilt (thank you, Suzanne!). We still need someone new in that position come January, so consider this position if you don't have a job to do within the guild. Remember, we're ALL supposed to do a bit of service to the Guild to keep it running and raffle quilt's a GREAT way to see whatever guilds you might be interested in.

At the September meeting, we have Rhonda Pierce from the Schmetz Needle Company to educate us on *Two Inches of Steel*. Saturday, September 7th, we'll have Marla Margelewski instructing us on Featherweight Maintenance – can't wait!

LASTLY, pull an entry form (or two, or three...) from the FAOF website: www.fineartoffiber.org and get your pictures snapped and your entries IN! If you completed your IQI challenge, put it in! If you completed your Mystery Quilt at Quilt In, put it in! If you are completing your Pearls in the Garden Challenge, put it in! All those class samples? GREAT for Silent Auction. Details for all of the above are covered elsewhere in the Oakleaf.

--Melanie Anderson

Village Quilters of Lake Bluff/Lake Forest is planning a bus trip to Quilt Expo, in Madison, WI, on Friday, September 6. We will depart from the Libertyville Sports Complex, 1950 N. Hwy 45, Libertyville at 7:00 am. We will depart Madison at 4:00 pm, and return to Libertyville at about 6:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$50, which includes admission to the show.

Village Quilters is happy to make this trip available to quilters in IQI. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Schober at 0585quilt@comcast.net, or by phone at 847-212-2426.

IQI 2019-20 LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

Lectures are held at Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Northfield, IL and workshops at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Northbrook, IL. Workshop Fees: \$50 Members, \$60 Non-members unless otherwise noted. All Workshop Kit Fees are paid to the Instructor day of class. Workshops are open to non-members 2 months prior to workshop date.

Also note: some kit fees can only be paid with cash or check, no credit or debit cards. See workshop info.

SEPT 5 Rhonda Pierce *Educator at Schmetz Needle Company* - “2 Inches of Steel”

Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers mean on the needle package? Is changing the needle really important before it breaks? Successful sewing is often about paying attention to the little things – like the needle in your sewing machine. Get the low-down about how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics. Your sewing machine is an investment and protection begins by using the very best needle.

SEPT 7 Marla Margelewski “Featherweight Maintenance Class” This is the class for all owners of Singer Featherweight sewing machines. In 2013, Marla was gifted a Singer Featherweight, which started her on a journey to learn about “The Perfect Portable.”

Since then she has rescued and restored 19 Featherweights. Marla has taken several classes on how to care for them and this class will give you the confidence & basic knowledge on how to maintain yours. Workshop Kit Fee: \$20



OCT 3 Laura Wasilowski “Art Quilts—The Musical”

Join Laura in celebrating the life of a quilt artist. Listen to her adventures in quilt making and hear traditional art quilt folk songs like “Everybody Gets Rejected Sometime” and the “Minnesota Quilter’s Polka”. It’s a quirky documentary featuring a display of her small art quilts and many other songs from the “*Chicago School of Fusing Bond Fire Songbook*”.

OCT 4 “Woven Flower Basket Quilt”

Create a colorful woven basket quilt full of joyful flowers and leaves. Learn fusing techniques like pattern transfer, bias weaving and bias braiding for the basket handle. Pattern templates are provided, but you will also learn fusing tips and how to add hand-embroidery to your small art quilt. Bring summer into your home and make a basket full of flowers from a kit of beautifully hand-dyed fabrics and threads. (No sewing machine is needed.) Workshop Kit Fee: \$25



Oct 5 “Free Stitched Embroidery Landscapes”

Densely hand stitched, these small landscape vignettes are created from your original design, with cotton threads and free stitched on hand-dyed silk fabric. You’ll learn about fabric and batting choices how to transfer your design to the silk, the threads and needles best for stitching and how to devise embroidery stitch combinations unique to you design. It is a slow, thoughtful, tempo of making intimate art work. Workshop Kit Fee: \$30.

JAN 9 (2020) “School House-Hand Stitching”

Join us for an evening of learning new skills in hand work! Members will pre-register to learn a new technique. We will divide into small groups lead by some of our very talented members, teaching Applique, Beading, Boro, Embroidery, English Paper Piecing and Wool Applique. Small kits will be provided. Bring scissors and neutral thread.

FEB 6 MaryJo Busch “Color College”

MaryJo will teach students to use the Artist Color Wheel, beginning with a power point presentation in which she explains various aspects of the color wheel in detail, using photos and charts to help students understand how to use the wheel for designing quilts. The lecture includes a trunk show of many colorful quilts, each one representing different color wheel combinations.

FEB 29 - LEAP Year Event **SAVE THE DATE!** Spend this extra day **QUILTING!** Lutheran Church of Ascension, 9 am to 4 pm Cost: \$10 + a dish of food. Take a half day class, finish a UFO or sew for Charity.

MAR 5 Valli Schiller – Lecture: “Gizmos & Gadgets for Adventurous Quilters”

Can you find quilting gear at the grocery store? The hardware store? Valli finds some of her favorite tools and supplies in unexpected places. This lecture is packed with tips, tricks and step-by-step techniques for making great quilts faster.

MAR 6 “Finishing School” This is a 2 part full day class. In the morning, “Fearless Free Motion Quilting” Tired of stitching in the ditch? Think you can’t free motion quilt? Yes, you can! In this hands-on technique class, participants will learn fast and fun ways to turn their tops into quilts using a home sewing machine. This playful approach features simple free motion quilted grids with lots of creative variations and no marking. No machine quilting experience necessary, but you must be familiar with the operation of your sewing machine. (Requires darning or free motion foot.)



In the afternoon, **Mighty Nice Binding – By Machine!** Learn two different ways to bind quilts entirely by machine, as well as Valli’s fast, foolproof, no measure method for joining binding ends. You will bind your sample from the morning with crisp corners and smooth joins. Confident Beginner.

MAR 7 “Ruler Quilting Fundamentals” Add a versatile new technique to your free motion quilting repertoire! Ruler guided quilting enables you to stitch precise straight lines and curves with minimal marking. And since your feed dogs are dropped, you can stitch in any direction to create complex designs without turning your quilt. In this hands-on class, you’ll transform ½ yard of solid colored fabric into a 20 x 20 whole cloth quilt (pattern provided) with an elegant, modern vibe. Intermediate-Some prior experience with free motion quilting helpful. Must have a ruler foot and a bed extension table for their sewing machine. Valli will have her own line of rulers available for sale during class.



APR 2 Cheryl Schenck “From First Stitch to Last Staple”

Cheryl’s Lecture is everything you always wanted to know about Tuffets. She loves to teach quilting, sewing and painting. She’s a certified Tuffet Source affiliate and McTavishing quilting instructor. Cheryl also makes custom skating costumes.

APR 3 & 4 (2 Day Workshop) “Tuffets”

Friday-Part 1-Sewing the Cover Saturday-Part 2 – Assembly & Stapling. Kit Fee: \$128.00 + tax. Includes Tuffet Source pattern and all the inside supplies to make your Tuffet, including a wood base with pre-drilled holes, tee nuts, furniture-grade upholstery foam, upholstery batting, a button form, cording, and 4 wooden feet. 2 Day Workshop Fee: \$95



MAY 7 Suzi Parron “Following the Barn Quilt Trail”

Suzi’s interest in quilting history led her to fascination with barn quilts, which she discovered on a cross-country camping trip in 2008. A high school English teacher, Suzi spent 2 years documenting the barn quilt movement, traveling to twenty-nine states, gathering stories of these painted quilt patterns and their ties to family and tradition.



MAY 9 “Painted Barn Quilts” Join the Barn Quilt movement by creating your own painted quilt block. You will begin with a pre-primed, 2’ x 2’ board and go through each step---drafting, taping and painting, with careful attention to details. The workshop lasts 4 to 6 hours. You will leave with a finished quilt block, ready to hang! Kit Fee: \$45 paid to Instructor

ABOUT IQI MEETING NEW LOCATION

On September 5th, please join us at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, IL 60093. It is located on the southwest corner of Willow Road and Sunset Ridge Road. Traveling east on Willow, turn into the parking lot from Willow and go around the building through the parking lots or just turn right on Sunset Ridge Road and then into that side of the parking. Traveling west on Willow, turn south (left) on Sunset Ridge Road and then right into the parking lot. The handicap spaces are in the part of the parking lot closer to Sunset Ridge Road but all of the parking lots are connected. Look for the Shell Station...we’re across the street.



SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Although there is no official Service meetings during the summer, Diana Burrows will be at home (Rogers Park) for the remainder of the summer and would love to see you come and pick out backs, put one more border on, measure batting, and any other things related to preparing quilts for service days. If you are interested and able, please call Diana to coordinate schedules.

Diana Burrows, 773-338-7236 or 773-612-5539

TIME TO STEP UP

We are STILL looking for a member (or members) to fill the position of Raffle Quilt Tickets/Travel for 2019-20.

If interested or need more info please contact Elaine Levin, Melanie Anderson or Suzanne Davis-Killen. The travel portion would commence around February when the 2020 quilt would be finished.

Elaine Levin
Member-at-large

THANK YOU, FRIENDS OF MELISSA KANE

In June, we had friends of one-time member Melissa Kane bring her stash to sell, with the proceeds going to charity. IQI received a donation as well, which was very kind. Thanks to Patti Solem for organizing!

FAOF NEWS

Submission forms for the FAOF are due to Chris Deering September 12. For your convenience, Chris or the Committee will collect entry forms at the September meeting. Boutique applications are also due September 12, and go to Roberta Levin.

When filling out FAOF entry forms (available at www.fineartoffiber.org/forms.htm)...

- be sure to attach a 4"x6" color photo on photo paper (hello, Walgreens!)
- include the name of the designer and the longarm quilter if applicable in the "Describe what you want people to know about this entry." Also include here if the piece was done in a class, and who taught it. The information in this section is what goes on the wall beside your piece.
- include information such as wires, frames, included pole/dowel, "do not fold" on form.

FAOF show postcards will be distributed at the guild meeting. Members who prefer an electronic postcard will find one on the website (www.fineartoffiber.org).

Nona will sign up volunteers for the FAOF exhibit at the September meeting. If you are submitting at least one piece, you need to work one volunteer shift. If you are selling pieces in the exhibit, you must do a second volunteer shift.

Finally, we'd like to encourage members to submit a 6"x6" 2D fiberart piece for the special 30th anniversary "Garden Pearls" challenge. Your submission can be made on the standard entry form and does not count as your one proprietary entry. IQI Challenge quilts will also be hung as a group.

Website update

IQI website guru, Steve Juliusson has been working hard. Most of the content has changed and our updated site is now readable on cell phones, tablets and laptops!

Newly revised job descriptions for the board of directors is available under the Membership tab, so a handy reference is now available where ever you have WIFI.

The biggest update is the Shopping Cart. You now pay for all the workshop fees and the class itself when you sign up and check out. Any taxes collected by the teacher can be paid at the class time. Don't wait to sign up for a class, as guests are also signing up and class sizes are limited.

Scroll around the site and get familiar with using it. Practice will make you more comfortable. Like learning a new pattern or technique, it takes some practice to get it right!

You can always sign up via snail mail to Cynthia Karabush.

Martha Ross-Mockaitis

Did you know we have a Facebook page?



Just search for Illinois Quilters, Inc. and you will see our familiar red and white logo. A goal this next year is to increase our online visibility and hopefully entice more members. Please email Marsha Caulkins at macaulkins@gmail.com or text me any content or pictures to 847-533-0054 if you aren't comfortable posting to our group page directly. Additionally, I will do my best to ensure information about our scheduled meetings and workshops is posted ahead of time, as well as dates of events other guilds are offering. For example, August 24 & 25 the Gems 2019 Quilt Show featuring over 350 quilts is happening in Peoria. Take a look and feel free to suggest content for our page.

Raffle Quilt Update

"With Liberty and Dots For All" finished the spring leg of its 2019 tour and continues on through the sizzling summer!

In May, our quilt was shown in Chicago at the Lakeside Quilting Guild. IQI netted a very respectable \$76. In June, it traveled to Sinnissippi Quilt Guild in Rockford and Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild in Arlington Heights, raising \$93 and \$100, respectively. A BIG THANK YOU TO KRISTIN WOODS AND SUE DIVARCO for volunteering to take the raffle quilt to Lakeside and NSQG!!!!

"With Liberty and Dots For All" will be captivating quilters at the Sew n' Save Shop in Racine, July 31st, and at Prairie Star Quilters Guild in St. Charles, on August 27th / 28th. Shows are scheduled in Hinsdale, at Salt Creek Quilters Guild on September 12th, and in Downers Grove at Faithful Circle Quilters on the 25th. To date, we have raised approximately \$1864 through quilt showings and member sales. I'd like to recognize members who turned in ticket sale monies in May and June.

Sue DiVarco
Karin Dunham
Sherry Kramer
Suzanne Lechowicz
Mary Meyers
Cheryl Paras
Jim Pilarski
Feather Schroeder
Ruth Stegmeyer
Barbara Wessel

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO YOU ALL!



Suzanne Davis Killen
Raffle Quilt Travel Committee



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2019-2020

Membership Directory Deadline: September 5, 2019

-- Directory listing is essential for Fine Art of Fiber participation --

Please PRINT clearly.

Today's date _____

Name (as you want it on name badge & in directory) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Preferred phone: (_____) _____ secondary phone: (_____) _____

E-mail address _____

The Oak Leaf and IQI information are sent via email.____ Check here if you do not want your email address listed in the directory.

**NOTE: for Oak Leaf via regular mail add \$10.00 below.*

Please indicate whether you are: NEW to IQI ____ renewing ____ returning after absence ____

** How did you learn of IQI (friend, online search, etc.)? _____

Our annual raffle quilt and the Fine Art of Fiber Show provide essential income to IQI. In addition to membership fees, each member of IQI is expected to buy or sell \$25 worth of raffle tickets each year.

FEES: _____ \$60.00 (from 7/1/19) or \$55 (through 6/30/19)

_____ \$10.00 if Oak Leaf should be printed & mailed

_____ (add'l donation) Library Fund

_____ (add'l donation) Guild Community Service supplies

_____ add'l \$25 if you would like to pay now for a pack of Raffle Quilt tickets

Total \$ _____ paid by cash _____ / or check # _____

IQI is a volunteer organization and operates effectively only with everyone's help. Four hours of service per year is a suggested share. Please choose activity area/s where you might like to help:

_____ board (I would be willing to serve)

_____ potluck help, Dec. &/or June mtg.

_____ Fine Art of Fiber show/boutique

_____ challenge project for members

_____ help at library table at meetings

_____ quilt-in (members' weekend retreat)

_____ help at membership table at meetings

_____ raffle quilt (help make)

_____ host at a workshop

_____ raffle quilt (help show at other guilds)

_____ nominating committee for next board

_____ service projects - in a group or at home

_____ webpage design and maintenance team

Demonstrations / Miniworkshops

From time to time we have a program sharing the skills and wisdom of our members. If you would like to be an instructor at such a meeting, please describe what you would like to share:

Business Owners

As a member of IQI, if you have a business that sells quilts or quilting related products you may be listed under Area Shops in the guild membership directory. Please provide this information:

business name _____ hours _____

address _____ city _____ state _____ ZIP _____

telephone (____) _____ URL or email _____

text for directory (about goods & services offered)

Professional Quilting Services and Related Activities

As a member, you may list your quilt-related services in the Professional Services section* in the guild membership directory. Please provide your text and check your specialties below. Submit with this completed form a copy of credentials or documentation that support any claims, such as certification.

Service/s _____

____ appliqué

____ craft shows

____ quilting by machine

____ appraisals

____ demonstrations

____ quilt photography

____ baby quilts

____ lectures

____ quilt repair

____ color consulting

____ piecing

____ workshops

____ commissions

____ quilting by hand

____ other: _____

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2019 Raffle Quilt	Suzanne Davis Killen
Raffle Quilt Tickets/Travels	TBA



Area Quilt Shows and Events

Stitches Midwest Show – Aug. 2–4, 2019

Some Quilting, Knitting, Yarn, Classes and Vendors
Renaissance Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL
Fri. / Sat. 10 am to 6 pm Admission \$14 Free Parking
Sunday 10 am to 4 pm Free Admission / Free Parking
Info at: www.knittinguniverse.com/Midwest

Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild Aug. 15

Cheryl Sleboda lecture and trunk show \$10 guest fee
Aug. 17 Workshop: “Fabulous Fun Fabric Manipulation”
Non-member fee: \$55 Details at: www.nsqg.club

Madison Quilt EXPO Sept. 5–7, 2019

Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall-Madison WI
Thurs. and Fri. 9 am to 6 pm
Sat. 9 am to 5 pm
Admission: \$8 in advance/\$10 at Door Parking \$7
Early Class Registration and Ticket Sale online prior to
September 2, 2019. Info at: www.quiltexpo.com

Faithful Circle Quilters Guild Sept 21–22,

Jefferson Junior High School, 7200 Janes Ave, Woodridge, IL
Sat. 9 am to 5 pm / Sun. 10 am to 4 pm Admission \$7
Info at: www.fcquilters.com

Village Quilters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Quilt Show Oct. 4–5,

Libertyville Sports Complex – 1950 US45, Libertyville, IL
Friday, Oct. 4, 9 am–5 pm
Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 am–4 pm
Info at: www.villagequilters.org



Lutheran Church



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