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**WEBSITE:**  
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**NEXT MEETINGS:**  
Jan 7th, 7:00 pm ZOOM  
Maggie Weiss  
"Textile Adventures on the  
Tokaido Road"

**NEXT WORKSHOPS**  
cancelled until further notice

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**  
Virtual meeting via ZOOM  
Jan 18th, 7:15 pm

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## President's Letter

Ladies and Gents:

Happy New Year! How about **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** Begone, 2020! Begone, Covid 19! (At least we're on that path!) Join us this Thursday, January 7, for another dose of Zoom IQI: We've got **Maggie Weiss** speaking on "Textile Adventures on the Tokaido Road," encompassing some experiences on her recent trip to China. (Hopefully, we'll have Maggie back again, to do her hands-on Shibori workshop.) Feel free to invite friends -- sign up for \$10 on the IQI website.

Lecture starts promptly at 7 pm, with our usual announcements, show and tell, and mini break-out groups to follow.

- TIP: If you have show-and-tell, having photo of your show and tell OPEN on your desktop before the meeting starts makes it easier to share.

Block of the Month should be UNLOCKED! At least, January! Think colorways -- think size -- this is a 12 month project.

Third Thursday Zoom Chat and Sew (3rd Thursdays from 10 am to 9 pm) continued in December, and meets again on January 21. We had a few people join both Nov and Dec, and it was good. Coordinating with a sewing friend is a good practice and we will continue going forward.

We've been invited to participate in NSQG's class(es) with **Karen Combs** -- you might remember, she is the lady with the optical illusion quilts. This could be an opportunity to FINISH quilts we started in her class through IQI! (Certainly, I'm thinking about that -- I've still got those gorgeous cubes on my design wall.) The link is: <https://nsqg.club/programs/february-2021-karen-combs/>

Etsy Shop is still an idea floating around, and if anyone has particular interest, please contact Martha Ross-Mockaitis.

We still don't have a raffle ticket coordinator, and I'll just keep reminding you until we do! Nothing will likely happen till fall, but eventually we need someone.

Check out our Member Spotlight on **Linda Howard**, AKA shoepolish. Please consider sharing your story! I'll be randomly picking/calling someone SOON to cough up their story.

We're pulling the plug on any possibility of doing in-person workshops in the first half of 2021. BUT -- ALL have been filled with ZOOM Lectures by our very industrious **Sue DiVarco**! Refunds will be issued to those signed up for classes.

Hope to see you Thursday! Zoom link is in this Oakleaf, also in the e-blast, and will be re-sent a day before the meeting.

Melanie Anderson

# 2021 PROGRAM UPDATES (via Zoom)

**JANUARY 7th, 2021**

## **Maggie Weiss** “Textile Adventures on the Tokaido Road”

Having travelled to Japan in the fall of 2019, Maggie returned with a deep respect and admiration for Japanese textiles, the people and many beautiful facets of Japanese culture.

In this lecture Maggie introduces you to the incredible artisans, works of art, artifacts and landscapes encountered on her amazing journey.



**FEBRUARY 4th, 2021**

## **Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill** “Aurifilosophy”

From the thread makers of Aurifil... a program designed to unlock the mystery of thread, educate the masses, and help all users achieve brilliant results! Sheri, a certified Aurifilosopher, will present a fun and informative presentation and trunk show of her award-winning quilts that will increase your knowledge of thread, tools, uses, and tips. Exclusive Aurifil resources and swag for attendees included!

Learn more about Sheri at [www.wholecirclestudio.com](http://www.wholecirclestudio.com)



**MARCH 4th, 2021**

## **Jaimie Davis** “History & Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts”

The history of Baltimore Album quilts is a fascinating journey into an America headed for the Civil War. Through stories, Jaimie will explore how the demise of Baltimore Album quilts leads us into the hearts and minds of the women who made them. It’s a funny, provocative and insightful look into some of America’s most beautiful treasures.

Learn more about Jaimie at [www.loopytulips.com](http://www.loopytulips.com)



*From Copacabana Australia*

**APRIL 8th, 2021**

## **Brenda Gael Smith** “Quilts & Composition + Studio Tour”

Unlocking the design code for all kinds of quilts and learning to make things better!

Brenda examines the elements and principles of design in action and highlights recurring types of quilt composition. Understanding composition provides a vocabulary for describing and evaluating quilt design and provides a foundation for developing your creative practice, whatever style of quilts you make.

Learn more about Brenda at [www.serendipitypatchwork.com](http://www.serendipitypatchwork.com)



## Zoom Link for Maggie Weiss lecture, January 7, 2021:

[president@illinoisquilters.com](mailto:president@illinoisquilters.com) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: [president@illinoisquilters.com](mailto:president@illinoisquilters.com)'s Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 7, 2021 06:15 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97267251585?pwd=OFpDc3AzaVZNY3VRaWhTWUNjcThVdz09>

**Meeting ID: 972 6725 1585**

**Passcode: M1TGX5**

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Meeting ID: 972 6725 1585

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab0SRQ0aFT>

**ZOOM TIPS:** When attending our Zoom meeting, please be sure your NAME shows up so that we know who you are. You can alter your name by clicking on Participants, find yourself on the list, hover your mouse over your "Name," and then click "More" and "Rename" to correct your info.

*Call a sewing friend, jump on this Zoom meeting, January 21st, starting at 10 am and running, freeform, all day till 9 pm, (third Thursday of the month).*

president@illinoisquilters.com is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: IQI OPEN ZOOM SEW - Third Thursdays of the Month

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91644655457?pwd=MlpFR0wvaTIJeW9zaUpzVmtSTmtUQT09>

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# MEMBER PROFILE

## Meet Linda Howard! IQI member since Forever

I am a “senior” member of IQI and have been the Oakleaf editor since around 2013. To put this into perspective, I’ve put together approximately 96 issues of the newsletter. Yikes!!

Nels and I raised our two grown sons (now 45 and 47) in Wilmette and I remember our firstborn was around 2 years old when I made my first quilt, a hideous Grandmother’s Flower Garden with an orange background. Don’t know where it is now, sadly, because it would show how far I’ve evolved.

It was in the ‘70s when I took quilting lessons from a lady who owned a fabric store on the northwest side of Chicago. This was long before quilt shops existed. The store sold a lot of sheer curtain and upholstery-fabric, and, of course, calico. The woman taught me the basic blocks— 9-patch, drunkard’s path, applique, cathedral windows. She must have been a good teacher, because I was hooked.

At that time I was an ad agency art director, so I had little time for a hobby. But I think my graphic background in design and the love of textiles kept me interested.

Fast forward to early 2000’s. The kids were grown and I was free-lancing with my husband, a copy-writer, so I decided to take a part-time job doing something I loved...Quilting!

**Cotton Pickers** on Dempster hired me in August and Lu Olsen (the owner) promptly retired 3 months later. But I got a taste of dealing with the public and discovered that I was pretty good at putting fabrics together and helping underconfident and overconfident quilters. I also enjoyed getting a discount—thus the reason for my humungous stash.

In 2003, my employment began at **Quilter’s Palette** and I was there until Sharron Evans closed

the store in 2006. More stash. Was I responsible for all those quilt store closings??

In 2008 I began working at **Quilter’s Heaven** and continue to this day. I enjoy the customers, and over the years, have had amazing co-workers. And of course, enjoyed that discount. More stash.

Over the years, I have been privileged to travel to nearby states and quilt shows with some extraordinary women, staying in homes and hotels, stitching in the evening and seeking out quilt shops in the daytime. Those are the times when friendships are forged and not forgotten.

Speaking of friendships, my Wednesdays at Morning Glories (a group that meets weekly) have brought me such joy. Such support. All because of quilting.

This year we will all miss the annual Quilt-In, which I only missed once since it began. I look forward to the day when we all can meet face to face again, maskless.



Covid quilts and runner





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020-2021

Membership Directory Deadline: September 12, 2020
-- 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.

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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 7/1/20) or \$55 (through 6/30/20)
\_\_\_ \$10.00 if Oak Leaf should be printed & mailed
\_\_\_ (optional donation) Library Fund
\_\_\_ (optional donation) Guild Community Service supplies
\_\_\_ additional \$25 (in advance) for a pack of 2020 Raffle Quilt tickets for Ruby Jubilee
Total \$ \_\_\_ paid by cash \_\_\_ / or check # \_\_\_\_\_

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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)
\_\_\_ Fine Art of Fiber show/boutique
\_\_\_ help at library table at meetings
\_\_\_ help at membership table at meetings
\_\_\_ host at a workshop
\_\_\_ nominating committee for next board
\_\_\_ webpage design and maintenance team
\_\_\_ potluck help, Dec. &/or June mtg.
\_\_\_ challenge project for members
\_\_\_ quilt-in (members' weekend retreat)
\_\_\_ raffle quilt (help design/make for 2021)
\_\_\_ raffle quilt (help show at other guilds)
\_\_\_ service projects - in a group or at home

## Future Programs and Workshops

Please offer a few suggestions of speakers or workshops which you would like to enjoy with IQI.

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## 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:

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## Professional Quilting Services, Related Activities and Business Owners

As a member of IQI, if you have a business that sells quilts or quilt-related products, you may be listed under Area Shops in the guild membership directory. If you provide other quilt-related services, you may be listed in the Professional Services section\* of the directory. Please provide your information and descriptive text and check your specialties below.

business name (if not just your name) \_\_\_\_\_ hours \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ URL or email \_\_\_\_\_

text for directory (about goods & services offered)

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\_\_\_\_ appliqué

\_\_\_\_ craft shows

\_\_\_\_ quilting by machine

\_\_\_\_ appraisals

\_\_\_\_ demonstrations

\_\_\_\_ quilt photography

\_\_\_\_ baby quilts

\_\_\_\_ lectures

\_\_\_\_ quilt repair

\_\_\_\_ color consulting

\_\_\_\_ piecing

\_\_\_\_ workshops

\_\_\_\_ commissions

\_\_\_\_ quilting by hand

\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE: This notice appears in the directory:** “This section of our publication is provided as a free service to our members. As such, IQI, its officers, agents and representatives are not able to verify nor can we be responsible for the representations made in the advertisements. You should determine the accuracy of the representations, the credentials of the advertisers, as well as the quality of the services or goods before making purchases.”

# 2020-21 IQI Workshop and Event Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Teacher/Event Title	Member	Non-Member
Saturday 10/3/2020	<b>Pat Burke: Make TWO Gifts - Infinity Scarf AND Cuddle Pillowcase</b> (virtual workshop, half-day)	\$25	\$35
Saturday 1/9/2021	<b>Maggie Weiss: Irresistible Shibori</b> (If we do OPTION 1: live workshop)	\$60	\$70
Saturday 1/9/2021	<b>Maggie Weiss: Irresistible Shibori</b> (If we do OPTION 2: virtual workshop) kit fee TBD	\$40	\$50
*Thursday 3/4/2021	<b>Schoolhouse: Circle your group choice</b> (Choices TBD - watch the website)	\$0	\$10
Saturday 3/6/2021	<b>Ice Cream Quilting Madness: all day event</b> (Choices TBD - watch the website)	\$10	\$10
Fri. - Sat 4/9 - 10/21	<b>Cheryl Schenck: unSpooledWI.com:</b> 2-day tuffet workshop (live workshop) Kit fee: \$128 + tax	\$95	\$105
Saturday 5/8/2021	<b>Sue Pawlowski: Stuffed Olives OR Oliver</b> (live workshop, pattern fee: \$9)	\$50	\$60
Saturday 6/5/2021	<b>Suzi Parron: Painted Barn Quilts</b> (live workshop, kit fee: \$45)	\$50	\$60

CANCELLED

\*Event occurs at regular monthly meeting. Supply lists are available at monthly meetings, and at [www.illinoisquilters.com/events/](http://www.illinoisquilters.com/events/)

**Please make checks payable to Illinois Quilters Inc.**

Bring this form to an IQI meeting or mail it with a check to the Workshop Coordinator

Refunds available up to 30 days in advance, minus a \$5 handling fee. Requests for refunds must be in writing and submitted in writing to the workshop coordinator.

2021 Workshop Coordinator: Cynthia Karabush, 632 Sheridan Road 3E, Highwood, IL 60040



## IQI Board Members

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<b>Raffle Quilt Tickets</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Raffle Quilt Travels</b>	<b>Sue Sweeney</b>
<b>IQI BOM 2021</b>	<b>Cathy Baker</b> <b>Mary Meyers</b>



We, as a Guild, would like to honor the lives of our members and their loved ones. If a member wishes to let the Guild know of a death in their family, please email the President with details.

When the Art Institute reopens, be sure to see the **Bisa Butler Portrait quilts!**

<https://www.artic.edu/exhibitions/9324/bisa-butler-portraits>



**Lutheran Church**



**Gloria Dei**