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NEXT MEETINGS:
Apr 8th, 7:00 pm ZOOM
Brenda Gael Smith
"Quilts & Composition"

NEXT WORKSHOPS
cancelled until further notice

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Virtual meeting via ZOOM
Apr 19th, 7:15 pm

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President's Letter

Ladies and Gents:

Happy SPRING! Our April meeting falls a week late this year, due to the plethora of holidays. So, on April 8, our Zoom program is **Brenda Gael Smith**, speaking on Quilts & Composition. Zoom meeting will open at 6:30 per usual and lecture at 7, followed by our business meeting and show and tell.

BIG NEWS: We are planning a scaled down Quilt In for October 1-3, 2021 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northbrook. We will be limited to 30 people. Pricing for doubles will be close to previous years, although singles will cost more than previously. (Buddy up!) More details inside the Oakleaf, and many more details to come. Due to the slightly less robust finances of the Guild, we will look for hard commitments including deposit by May 1. We are planning to open registration April 1. We are looking to have another scaled down event in January or February. Feel free to attend BOTH, of course! I certainly will. It's way cheaper than therapy, for sure. If you are interested in helping plan the Quilt In(s), please let **Ellen Pomes** or the nominating committee know.

The nominating committee (aka Members at Large) are still looking for a Social Media person. If you post stuff yourself on Facebook or Instagram, would you please consider posting for IQI as well? I don't think we're looking for anything fancy, just someone who's regularly on, poking around.

I was lucky enough to attend a 'girls' weekend' recently with close pod-buddies, and got my March Block of the Month put together. I'm continuing to (not quite) follow the pattern, but having fun with it. If you haven't started, you certainly still can. Catch up at anytime. April block will be unlocked on April 1 and is included in this newsletter.

Please check out our Member Spotlight on **Barbara Cushing**. She's kindly agreed to write about herself this month. Please contact me directly if you'd like to share your story – I'll happily take volunteers.

We are planning a Sewing Room Swap/garage sale in **Jan Skilbeck's** garage early summer. We already have a number of donated storage items, and are looking for contributions of stuff (or time) from YOU. A huge benefit of volunteering is knowing the available inventory ahead of time! The plan is to make it as touch-free as possible (and required). All Covid protocols will be followed.

Third Thursday Zoom Chat and Sew is enjoyed by those that participate. Next session is TAX DAY.

Hope to see you Thursday, April 8th (NOT April 1st)!

Melanie Anderson

2021 PROGRAM UPDATES (via Zoom)

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.au



MAY 6th 2021

Patricia Belyea “Alluring World of Japanese Yakata Quilts”

Patricia will take us on an insider tour of the 2020 Tokyo Quilt Festival, showing us highlights of this international quilt event, then continues onto a traditional chusen -dyeing workshop to explain this traditional hand-dyeing process. Patricia finishes with a show of her own quilts, made with vintage Japanese cottons, and talks about how these special fabrics inspired her.

Learn more at www.okanarts.com



JUNE 3rd 2021 (rescheduled from May 2020)

Suzi Parron “Following the Barn Quilt Trail”

Suzi’s talk will take you on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt. You’ll hear stories of individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.

Learn more about Suzi at: www.barnquiltinfo.com



SAVE THE DATE:


Saturday, September 4th, 2021

9 am to 3:30 pm

Painted Barn Quilts with Suzi Parron

Location: TBD





*Hi Illinois Quilters Inc. members,
This is Ruby Jubilee, your 2020-2021 Raffle Quilt. I am writing to you because I am so lonely. We Raffle Quilts are used to getting a lot of love, but the pandemic has caused problems with getting the love to the coffers of IQI. Please understand that income from the sale of raffle quilt tickets is a major way to fund our guild.*

Unfortunately, my handler, Sue Sweeney, cannot mail each of you your ticket packets because it is illegal according to USPS regulations. Your mail carrier cannot deliver them. Plus, to whom would you sell these tickets? Most of us sell them to friends and family. There haven't been any opportunities to sell at quilt shows, or at other quilt guilds. As of March 1, 2020, the total amount for 2020 is \$1,165; 2021 is \$300. In normal years, your raffle quilt brings \$2500-3000.

I am asking you, IQI members, to show me some love. You can send a check to Sue Sweeney, 1829 Elm Avenue, Northbrook, 60062. Let her know how you want your tickets filled out and she will send you back the stubs (that's okay with USPS). Or, go to our website in the "SHOP" section where I am there in all my splendor. Just a click and PayPal does the rest. When Sue gets confirmation of your payment, she will contact you for how you want the stubs filled out. Couldn't be any easier.

*With love,
Ruby Jubilee 20-21*

ZOOM TIPS:

- Please mute yourself unless you are speaking, as background household noise or conversation can be distracting for the group.
- During the lecture, "mute" both your screen and microphone (lower left corner) to maximize bandwidth.
- If you have show-and-tell, having a picture, open on your device, makes it easier to "share."

NEW FALL RETREAT!

IQI will hold its first fall retreat on October 1-3rd at the Crowne Plaza Chicago-Northbrook. This newly-designed hotel is equipped with a 6-foot table for each sewer, power strips etc. and you will load in (luggage carts abound) on the main floor where we are setting up! Due to covid-19 protocols, personal food and drinks (including alcohol) are not permitted in the sewing ballroom. However, they are permitted in your sleeping room. Food and beverages are available for purchase, and meals are being ordered. No meal on Friday night, all meals on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. The retreat ends at 3 pm on Sunday.

No workshops, just your sewing time is planned. Block of the month (BOM) patterns will be available. There are just 30 spaces for IQI members, and signups begin April 1st. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is due followed by the remaining amount on July 1st. Single room with food: \$365.00; Double room with food: \$265.00.

Questions? Ask the Committee: Melanie Anderson, Patti Carrington, Ellen Pomes, Martha Ross-Mockaitis.

Hotel link for further information:

<https://cloud.threshold360.com/locations/1070332-205166248>

*Zoom meeting, April 15th,
starting at 10 am and running, freeform, all day till 9 pm.*

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=MIpFR0wvaTIJeW9zaUpzVmtSTmtUQT09>

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Meeting ID: 916 4465 5457

Passcode: 414180

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abu3ljveyK>

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MEMBER PROFILE

Meet Barb Cushing!

My sewing journey began when in grade school I sewed two red bandanas together to make a square blouse. By high school, I was designing dresses and making my own patterns.

When I went off to college, I no longer had access to my mother's Singer Featherweight and ceased sewing. I remember being much more into jigsaw puzzles. I graduated college and got a job. Of course, I was going to need an entirely new wardrobe for my new job. I purchased, with my still to be earned first paycheck, my very own Singer sewing machine. I was off again on my sewing journey. I made a bunch of blouses, vests and pants which was great, but when the holidays approached I was in seventh heaven making 5" square random patchwork quilts for the female family members, ties and shirts for the males. Wow! was I surprised to see a picture of my brother-in-law 20 years later still wearing the shirt I had made for him! My sister still uses the quilt on her bed!

Life moved on, I got several other jobs, got married, but remember little machine sewing during this time. I enjoyed a great deal of hand sewing needle-point, cross stitch, embroidery and punch needle rugs, which I could carry with me and work on anytime and anywhere. I also was very unhappy with my Singer and there may lay the reason.

I had a daughter and purchased the Kenmore sewing machine which I use to this day. I was sewing again—and loved sewing for my daughter. I made bibs, cute mattress covers, blankets, mother/daughter matching dresses and dresses/rompers for her as well as curtains and pillows for her bedroom.

My daughter was followed by 4 boys and I have to say, sewing for boys was not as much fun! I continued sewing many Halloween costumes, appliqued beach towels of each child and cousins, blankets,

pillows, curtains, drapes, slipcovers etc. When my daughter reached high school and started going to dances, I began making dresses for these events for her and several of her friends. When one of my brother-in-laws got married, the bride gave each attendant a pattern and material. I was asked to make one of dresses. The one I made was voted BEST. I think it was because I was the only one who used an invisible zipper.

Years marched on, I got divorced, went back to work and the sewing machine went back into storage. Nine years ago, I sold the family home and moved into a cozy condo in Evanston. I took my trusty Kenmore to Vogue Fabrics for an overhaul just in case I was going to sew again.

Shortly after I moved, I met Melanie Anderson, we talked and she, of course, got me excited about sewing and convinced me to join Piecemakers and IQI—even to agree to being the VP of Contracts!

I think of myself as a seamstress more than a quilter. I have made some quilts, challenges and mystery and small ones for children. I have made many masks and I make dresses for the organization "Dress a Girl Around the World."

My boys have fond memories of the sewing machine set up at the end of the kitchen table where I could sew and supervise. But now, a Janome, a Christmas/Pandemic gift to myself, sits on my dining table and I supervise my dog.





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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.

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 # _____

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.

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:

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)

____ 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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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.

Interested in learning English Paper Piecing?

Salt Creek Quilters Guild in Hinsdale presents
Anne Zick Zoom Lecture: "Lucy Boston"
Thursday, April 8th, 2021
7:00 pm - Fee: \$10
Zoom Workshop: EPP-Lucy Boston Block- Sat.
April 10th, 2021- Fee: \$50
More info and registration at:
www.saltcreekqg.org
(NOTE: This is the same day and time as our April IQI Zoom meeting)



Lutheran Church



Gloria Dei