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**WEBSITE:**  
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**NEXT MEETINGS:**  
May 6th, 7:00 pm ZOOM  
Patricia Belyea  
"The Alluring World of  
Japanese Yakata Quilts"

**NEXT WORKSHOPS**  
Sept. 4th  
Painted Barn Quilts with  
Suzi Parron  
Levy Senior Center  
300 Dodge Ave., Evanston

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**  
Virtual meeting via ZOOM  
May 17th, 7:15 pm

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## President's Letter

Ladies and Gents:

Happy Spring! Especially this past weekend, right?. Whew. I dug trenches for a new ground deck AND sewed up a storm on the 2022 Raffle Quilt.

Our Zoom program is *The Alluring World of Japanese Yakata Quilts* with **Patricia Belyea**, May 6th. Zoom meeting will open at 6:30 p.m. per usual and lecture is at 7 p. m., followed by our business meeting and show and tell.

Block-of-the-Month continues -- if you haven't started but want to, do it! You can catch up at any time. May block should be unlocked and is attached to this Oakleaf email.

Please check out our Member Spotlight on **Martha Ross-Mockaitis**. (Thank you, Martha!) We've got more lined up for the next couple of months, yippee!!

Third Thursday Zoom Chat and Sew continues, quietly, but that's OK. Next scheduled date is May 20th.

**MAJOR NEWS**, at least I think so: We opened up registration for the October 1,2,3 retreat in Northbrook at the Crowne Plaza last month, and needed a critical mass of 20 people signed up to make it a "go." To date, we have 23!! so yes, we signed that contract. There are still seven spots available, (max 30, to ensure enforcement of Covid protocols) and this fall version does not require being a member. Meanwhile, we ALSO picked dates for our more traditional January retreat, which will be January 28,29,30, also at Crowne Plaza. So if you are looking for the more traditional timeframe, here you are. We are shooting for 30 participants again, but with potentially leeway to have more as restrictions lift. GO SIGN UP! We again need to reach a critical mass of participants, as this event also needs to be self supporting. Focus is again on 20 ASAP, preferably with down payments in by June 1.

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

**BOM Makers: Please send a photo of your completed April Fractured Rainbow block by Wednesday to be included in Show and Tell at the meeting Thursday night.**

**Email photo to:**  
[cathleen.baker@comcast.net](mailto:cathleen.baker@comcast.net).

# 2021 PROGRAM UPDATES (via Zoom)

**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](http://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](http://www.barnquiltinfo.com)



## **SAVE THE DATE:**

Saturday, September 4th, 2021 9 am to 3:30 pm

**Painted Barn Quilts with Suzi Parron**

**Location: Levy Senior Center in Evanston**

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

Topic: president@illinoisquilters.com's Zoom Meeting

Time: May 6, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join us in welcoming Patricia Belyea at our Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94154408145?pwd=WVNGVCtuSHkramlHanZLQXVvKVE1CQT09>

**Meeting ID: 941 5440 8145**

**Passcode: PAjky8**

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Meeting ID: 941 5440 8145

Passcode: 478025

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

## Original Sewing & Quilt Expo is returning to Chicago on June 3, 4 & 5 at the Schaumburg Convention Center.

In addition to fabulous vendors, we will have a tremendous display of inspiring quilts and garments, not to mention a great class program.

We need your help in getting the word out to our sewing and quilting community. If your organization has an email newsletter or Facebook page, please use the attached logo. If you copy us on your guild email and/or tag us on your Facebook post we will provide you with 6 complimentary tickets to share with your guild.

Check out our complete class listings  
<https://sewingexpo.com/Events/Chicago,IL/ClassDescriptions.aspx>

Thinking about everything you need to restock your sewing room, check out the list of vendors  
<https://sewingexpo.com/Events/Chicago,IL/Shopping.aspx>

Save your sewing dollars by purchasing your tickets online  
<https://sewingexpo.com/Events/Chicago,IL/TicketsPricing.aspx>

If you would like to have a booth at the expo to sell tickets for your fund raising quilt, please email Liz Fredrick at [liz.fredrick@hoffmanmedia.com](mailto:liz.fredrick@hoffmanmedia.com)

Join our team by volunteering as an Ambassador <https://sewingexpo.com/Volunteer.aspx>

We can't wait to see all of you at the show!

The OSQE Team  
[info@sewingexpo.com](mailto:info@sewingexpo.com)  
800-699-6309



## Help Wanted

Quilter's Heaven in Northbrook is in need of additional sales associates. Duties include waiting on customers, making store samples, changing out quilt and merchandise displays and working on finishing quilts for customers (preparing quilt backs and binding).

You must be able to remain on your feet for long periods of time and be able to carry multiple fabric bolts.

Benefits include working with wonderful associates, helping people select fabric that will make their quilt a thing of beauty, and a 25% discount on store merchandise.

We are also seeking a garment sewing manager. Candidate must be an accomplished garment sewer and be able to use and teach the use of sergers. Duties include waiting on customers, selling machines and sewing supplies as well as training sales associates. For more information, contact Maureen at Quilter's Heaven, 847-272-7245 or [quiltersheaven@sbcglobal.net](mailto:quiltersheaven@sbcglobal.net)

You can also visit the shop at 1747 Dundee Road (just east of Waukegan Road).

## 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."

## Quilter's Garage Sale

IQI will hold a garage sale this summer. A perfect chance to make some space in your sewing room! Please collect items from your stash that you would like to donate. We will be doing drop off and purchases by appointment over several days to avoid too many people in close contact. **Late Breaking News!!** We will also take your yarn that needs a new home. Please have all yarn bagged. Location – Jan Skilbeck's Skokie garage  
Drop off items by appointment - August 16 -21.  
Sale date: August 23-28 again by appointment  
Any yardage other than baggies of quarters, eighths or small scraps please label the length.  
Please group multiple spools of thread in baggies  
Volunteer for pricing and arranging - August 19-22  
call Jan 724-732-4820

*Zoom meeting, May 20th,  
starting at 10 am and running, freeform, all day till 9 pm.*

[president@illinoisquilters.com](mailto: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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Passcode: 414180

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

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# MEMBER PROFILE

## Meet Martha Ross-Mockaitis!

Martha has always been quilting. She grew up in Pittsburgh making clothes in High School and a quilt for her college room. She studied studio art and K- 12 education at the College of Wooster, OH completed a year of graduate school in art and education at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and taught art in Baraboo WI before selling radio advertising in Wisconsin Dells, all the while designing & making machine pieced quilts. This was before the Rotary method and tools were invented!

After attending seminary, starting her family and working as a pastor, Martha took classes at quilt shops in Chicago's suburbs and discovered the Fine Art of Fiber show around 2009. She learned about IQI and guild member Cynthia Churchwell encouraged her to attend the Quilt-In retreat!

After retiring early in 2014, she began to quilt in earnest. She hasn't stopped since! She loves color, texture, fabric dyeing and both traditional and modern styles of quilting.

She currently has 8 quilts in the Art Walk Show at Edgewater Presbyterian Church through May 31st. This is a fundraiser for the Edgewater Community.

Martha is the website manager for IQI and helps with other projects.





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2021-2022

Membership Directory Deadline: September 11, 2021  
-- 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 7/1/21) or \$55 (through 6/30/21)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (optional donation) Library Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ (optional donation) Guild Community Service

\_\_\_\_\_ 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)

\_\_\_\_\_ potluck help, Dec. &/or June mtg.

\_\_\_\_\_ Fine Art of Fiber show/boutique

\_\_\_\_\_ challenge project for members

\_\_\_\_\_ help at library table at meetings

\_\_\_\_\_ weekend retreat planning

\_\_\_\_\_ help at membership table at meetings

\_\_\_\_\_ raffle quilt (help design/make for 2022)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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## 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.”



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**W**e, 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.



**Lutheran Church**



**Gloria Dei**