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NEXT MEETINGS:

Dec. 2nd via ZOOM 7 p.m.
Pam Holland
Jan. 7th via ZOOM 7 p.m.
Jeff Mishur presents
Faith Ringgold
Feb 3rd via ZOOM
Carolina Oneto 7 p.m.

NEXT WORKSHOPS

Feb. 5th via ZOOM
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Caroline Oneto "Playing with
Color Value"
Mar 5th LIVE Schoolhouse
9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lutheran
Church of the Ascension

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Virtual meeting via ZOOM
Jan. 10th, 7:15 pm

President's Letter

Indeed we are Grateful!

And not just for the gifts and feasts of the season. We have so much to enjoy and for which to be thankful.

The Fine Art of Fiber was wonderful once again and it felt good to be able to present the show this year. Special thanks are due to those IQI members who serve on the FAOF Steering Committee and organize the various parts of the event. We are grateful for **Edrene Heiss, Nona Flores, Sue Sweeney, Barbara Peterson, Chris Deering** and **Cheryl Paras** who served throughout the year and non-stop through the days of the show. We are also grateful to the countless volunteers who helped the show run smoothly and the guests feel welcome. So many of us were there to show the world the joy and beauty of needle arts. Would you like to join the FAOF team? A FAOF treasurer is needed for the upcoming year.

Last month our Service Committee let us know of a new request for quilts for children and we met the need. I am thankful for the many members who contribute their time, talents and materials to community service. This is a wonderful way to show people the joy and love embodied in quilting.

I am hoping, as every month, that you enjoy the Oak Leaf. In this issue, you will see a bit of the glory of the Fine Art of Fiber and news of other guild activities like community service and the upcoming Quilt-In. You will be able to read about long-time member, **Ruth Stegmeyer**, and her journey in quilting. Ruth is one who has made many service quilts and displayed many of her works in our annual shows. She has employed many techniques and patterns for her quilts, often combining piecing and applique. I hope you will enjoy reading her member profile whether you have known Ruth for several years or are only just getting to know her.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays and join us via Zoom for our December meeting. Instead of our traditional December Potluck, we will be entertained as **Pam Holland** tells us about her travels and what she has learned about the creation of fibers and fiber arts where resources are not as we have in the USA. Certainly we will be thankful for the ease and abundance of fabric available to us.

Acknowledge and express your gratitude every day,

Patti Carrington



2021-22 PROGRAM UPDATE

December 2 ZOOM Meeting at 7 pm

Pam Holland “Life Journals in Textiles”

For 25 years, Pam traveled the world teaching quilting and textile art. She will share her recent 10 year focus on studying textiles in their purest form, from cotton fields in India to the remote villages of Guatemala, Thailand, Morocco, Mexico and Africa. Her study of weaving, dying and printing led to a mud hut in the desert of India with women creating textile masterpieces sold to feed their families. Enjoy an evening of visual exploration!

January 7, 2022 ZOOM Meeting at 7 pm

Jeff Mishur “Faith Ringgold’s Story Quilts and Paintings”

Art historian Jeff Mishur uses storytelling and slides of the work of artist Faith Ringgold, a painter, writer, speaker, mixed media sculptor, performance artist, activist and quilter. He will focus on Ringgold’s painted story quilts of important themes, including challenges faced by women artists, the relationship between “fine art” and “craft,” and African American history.” Ringgold’s work has been on exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute.

Learn more about Faith at: <https://www.faithringgold.com>

No Workshops in December or January!



February 3, 2022 ZOOM Meeting 7:00 pm

Carolina Oneto “Friends of Color”

Carolina, modern quilter and educator, will inspire you to make Modern – Happy Quilts. Color is a universal form of communication and expression. Using color in your quilt design contributes to its depth and mood. It creates contrast, giving your project movement, definition, and clarity.

She will discuss color theory and how to create a color palette following 4 simple steps.

Learn more about Carolina at: <https://carolinaoneto.com>



February 5 ZOOM workshop 9 am-1 pm

“Playing with Color Value”

You are going to design your own quilt. She will show you her process to plan the construction of a quilt and how to use color value. You will design your block, color your design, and plan the construction. She will explain this process using many of her quilts as examples. Class includes handout



material that allows you to design and plan the construction of your quilt and access a Facebook group where you can share your progress, ask questions and display your creation.

Workshop Fee: \$40

March 3, 2022 ZOOM Meeting 7 pm

Jenny Doan “Q and A Session”

Jenny Doan rose to prominence as the face of Missouri Star Quilt Company, the largest quilting supply vendor in the United States. Jenny will entertain us with fun information about her life and career, then will ask for questions from our members that are gathered ahead of time. What a fun evening this lecture will be! Learn more about Jenny at: www.missouriquiltco.com



March 5, 2022

SCHOOLHOUSE will be a full day with 4 classes and service component. So people who do not want to take all 4 classes can offer some time to service.

- Patti Carrington teaches “paper piecing”
- Susan Divarco teaches “binding techniques”
- Melanie Anderson teaches “soup bowl cozy”
- Barb Cushing teaches “gadget zipper bags”

April 7, 2022 Live lecture

Lynn Schmitt : “Mixed Medium Textiles, How to use them, Where to use them and Why.”

Lynn is an author and founder, owner and designer of A Different Box of Crayons quilt shop in Glen Ellyn, IL. She has designed projects for over 13 years while teaching and vending across the US and Europe. Lynn is a master at mixing multiple textiles in her art. This trunk show is not to be missed.

Learn more about Lynn at: www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com



April 9, 2022 “LOGistics”. Workshop 9 am-3 pm

This workshop project can be finished in a day. Students have an opportunity to work with different textiles, wool, silk, multiple genres of cotton and even home dec; how to handle each on a small scale; it's a pillow or a table mat. There is a kit and each colorway is slightly different in terms of materials within it, but silk and wool are constants. There are 6 color options. The kit costs are \$49.50.



May and June Programs will be in next month's Oakleaf!

Congratulations to the Viewers Choice winners at the Fine Art of Fiber!



Pat Kroth was awarded 1st place for "Prairie View".

Our own Cathy Baker was voted to 2nd place for "Folk Flower Fun".



Our own Abby Block was the 3rd place choice for Erin & Jon's Chuppah.



Our own Meg Pyterek is the happy winner of "Ruby Jubilee".

Greetings to all my good friends. This is farewell from your raffle quilt, Ruby Jubilee. The past two years have been a wild ride, with opportunity lost due to my inability to travel to our local quilt guilds. I do want you all to know how much I appreciate all the support given to me by the committee members. You all should have heard the cheers when my borders turned out to match EXACTLY.

Thank you so much to all who supported me financially. Buying your raffle tickets is what helps fund our guild programs. Even though we don't have travel expenses for our lecturers, there is cost to those Zoom meetings. What guild could afford Jen Kingwell travel expenses??

I want you to know that I have found a wonderful and appreciated home. See where I live on page 3 of this newsletter.

*Love,
Ruby Jubilee*

Thanks to everyone—exhibitors, vendors, Silent Auction donors, and volunteers—who helped bring the Fine Art of Fiber show back for a successful return to the Chicago Botanic Garden. It was wonderful to see so many members in person again after many meetings on Zoom. The beautiful weather and preview of Lightscape were a real plus. Congratulations to Viewer's Choice Award winners **Pat Kroth** (NSNG), **Cathy Baker** (IQI), and **Abby Block** (IQI). (See pg.3) "Ruby Jubilee," IQI's raffle quilt, was won by IQI member **Meg Pyterek**. Special thanks to IQI's FAOF Steering Committee members **Edrene Heiss**, **Sue Sweeney**, **Barbara Peterson**, and **Chris Deering** for the work they put in through the year to organize the show. If you are interested in getting more involved with the Fine Art of Fiber (especially if you might be interested in the treasurer's position), please contact me at nflores52@gmail.com. We start planning next year's show in January 2022.

Nona Flores

Service

22 baby and toddler quilts were picked up on November 19th by someone from Simpson Academy. Below is a thank you note sent to IQI from the Academy.

Diana Burrows

"Dear Diana and Quilting Group,
Thank you so much for blessing us with your lovely baby quilts. We appreciate all the time you put into making these quilts for the moms and babies of the Simpson Academy for Young Women. They will be cherished, a real keepsake."

IQI Quilt-In Retreat

The Quilt-In has reached registration capacity for this January. Those who signed up to support IQI's Retreat program will be having a carefree weekend of sewing, chatting and eating together without any cares of the outside world.

See a Block in a New Way

Challenge Quilt Inspiration #1

To help get your creative mind going, I plan to offer a monthly inspiration.

The November Block of the Month brought to mind the Malvina/Pete Seeger song, "Little Boxes" which was about cookie cutter houses on a hillside in California. It's an interpretation of the song, all by itself, but you could take it even further.

You could make the block, and use green, blue, pink and yellow like in the song.

Or make four blocks together for 16 little houses. Or use the house pattern and make it in decreasing sizes to show receding distance, and arrange them on the hillside. Or add doctors, lawyers and businessmen coming and going from their little boxes.

The next time you look through a book of blocks, see if any of them inspire you
Challenge Quilt Guidelines:

Interpret a song with any method, any fabric
Finished size 14" square, 3 layers of fabric with a bound edge

Entry fee of \$5 is due by December 31—next month it rises to \$10!

Quilt due on June 3, 2022

To enter send \$5 per entry (checks made out to IQI) and your email address to:

Diane Greening 988 Oak Dr. Glencoe, IL 60022

MEMBER PROFILE

Meet Ruth Stegmeyer!

My passion for sewing was realized many years ago, making clothing for dolls as a child. In doing this I developed a wide variety of related skills. My goal was always to create something beautiful, and whether sewing, weaving, stitching, knitting, tatting or crocheting, creating patterns that were eye-catching was always the goal.

Creation of doll clothes rapidly transitioned to working with fabric.

My fascination specifically with quilting started in the late 60s. I was self-taught to a degree until the mid-80s when I began to attend classes. After I retired, I continued participating in workshops. I have learned many different approaches to quilting, some old and some new.

Since 1996 I have been showing a number of my quilts at the "Fiber Arts Show" at the Botanic Garden.

I have been a member of Illinois Quilters, Inc. for about 30 years.

Today the majority of my quilts are machine pieced and quilted. I do both hand and machine applique. Paper piecing is challenging; however the end results are always beautiful.

Places besides the Fine Art of Fiber I have exhibited my quilts are Hoffman Estates, the Quilt Connection in Chicago, the Irish American Heritage Center and a challenge quilt at the Minnesota Quilters in Rochester, Minnesota.





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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.*

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 # _____

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

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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Raffle Quilt	
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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.

Ciao Bella Sewing Studio

Winnetka has a new sewing studio with classes taught there and in area park districts. They are a creative outlet for children and adults. You or someone you know might be interested in classes - holiday gift idea? - or you might like to join their teaching staff. Check out their website.

www.ciaobellasewing.com

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