

The Oak Leaf

December 2022

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President's Letter

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for the many people who keep IQI active and energetic. We are a great team! Our volunteer efforts, large and small, make IQI great!

Of course, a few of us just served "above and beyond" at the Fine Art of Fiber. This year's FAOF was another great show! Attendance, especially on Saturday, was challenged by the weather but time and again our visitors exclaimed admiration for the quilts individually and as a collaborative show. Your efforts the week of the show and in the making of the quilts are appreciated! Comments on voting for viewers' choice showed strong opinions and we saw a close count for the third place quilt. In an era where machine work is most common, these votes reminded us that handwork is still admired. Raffle ticket sales were so brisk at the show that we ran out of tickets. Thursday, Nov. 10 we pulled the winning ticket. A New Leaf for Retired Ties was won by our very own, Melanie Anderson! She was one of the main creators of the 2022 Raffle Quilt so we know that she will love and cherish this prize.

Welcome to December! As you make your plans for the winter, please consider some of the ways, detailed in this issue, you can be involved with your quilt guild. Sign up to attend the Quilt-In for sewing and camaraderie without household distractions and chores. Service Days are a fun way to collaborate with others who love fabrics and quilts. Those who receive the quilts we donate will feel the joy and care which come with them. Join a small group for the Round Robin project through the winter. Join the team for assembly of the 2023 Raffle Quilt or join the team to start brainstorming for the 2024 Raffle Quilt. Select the Board position or Committee which fits your talents or offers you a challenge. Let our Members at Large, Lynn Bradburn and Diana Burrows, know how you would like to serve IQI next fiscal year. Do you use Instagram? Help IQI by posting our activities and events on Instagram. There are so many ways to be an active part of IQI. Join the team and I think you will find winter and IQI even more enjoyable.

See you at the Dec. 1 meeting!

Patti Carrington

Remember!



- Bring a potluck dish to share
- Bring your name badge
- Bring cash or check for Bargain items, Challenge Packet, and Workshop registration
- Bring items for Show and Tell.



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NEXT MEETINGS:

Dec 1 Holiday Potluck
In-person Gathering. Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm. **Lutheran Church of the Ascension.**

Jan 5, 2023 Meeting via Zoom, 7 pm. Ann Brauer, "40 Years of Quiltmaking".

NEXT WORKSHOP:

Sat, Jan 7, 2023, 9 am—4 pm. "Making Memories—T-Shirt Quilts" with **Alison Selivon.**

NEXT BOARD MEETING and COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING:

Dec 12, 7:15 pm via Zoom.

NEXT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Thursday, Dec 15. 9:30 to 4pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

December is Our Holiday Pot Luck

December potluck will be our next meeting. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner starts at 6:30, but don't worry about missing out on the buffet. We will be calling by table, so just come on in, drop off your dish, get settled and enjoy!!!!

A-->L sides and desserts

M-->Z main dishes

Board members, in addition please bring a 2L beverage.

We are in need of help for both set up and clean up, so please give a call if you can help. Lynn Bradburn 847-274-3472



News from our Member-at-Large

We are already looking at the possible slate of officers and committee chairs for the next year. Please consider volunteering! The potluck is a great time to talk it over with friends, and ask some questions of those currently in office. Again, any questions --- call Lynn Bradburn, 847-274-3472.



FINE ART OF FIBER

Thank you to all the exhibitors, vendors and volunteers who made the 2022 Fine Art of Fiber such a success. The exhibit and sales displays looked great, and raffle ticket sales were so strong that Sue had to print more tickets on Sunday! We don't have numbers yet in terms of gate entries or sales, but business in the sales areas was brisk on Friday and Sunday. Special thanks to everyone who braved the horrible weather on Saturday to participate in the show. Many kudos to the IQI members on the FAOF Steering Committee--Edrene Heiss, Sue Sweeney, Barbara Peterson, and Chris Deering—for their work through the year.

I will send out a notice as soon as we get this year's photos on the Fine Art of Fiber website (fineartoffiber.org).

This being an election year, voting was enthusiastic for the Viewer's Choice awards, which IQI swept! First place went to Abby Block, second place to Nona Flores, and third place to Carole Bates.

Mark your calendars now—next year's Fine Art of Fiber show runs Friday-Sunday, November 3-5, 2023.



First Place



Second Place



Third Place



2023 Challenge Quilt

This year's challenge quilt is called "Dottie Birds" and the kit provided includes 3 fat quarters. Use your imagination to incorporate all things "bird". Fabrics used must be dotted. Kits are \$10 and will be available at the next meeting. So, have fun. You have until June to make a masterpiece. The sky's the limit. (pun intended). Email Linda Howard (shoepolish@comcast.net) with questions.

IQI'S 2023 ROUND ROBIN

Winter is here and we are ready to launch a new Round Robin. We've decided on some changes according to responses from last year's participants. The most common suggestion was that we use more "current" fabrics so this year, each participant will start with fabrics from their own stash or some lovely finds from their favorite store. We hope some people who haven't joined the fun of a Round Robin would like to try it this year. The end result will be lovely items which IQI will offer for sale at the next FAOF Boutique or for sale in the show. Each "pod" can decide if they would like to focus on a wall-hanging, a table runner or a baby quilt. They might decide to stick with a holiday theme to make theirs unique and attract buyers.

The Round Robin concept is a project created by multiple people in sequence over a period of months. Participants are grouped into small "pods". Each person starts a project by selecting up to three yards of coordinated fabrics from their stash to travel with and be used in the project. Using those fabrics that person will make a block (approx., 12" square) or a strip using applique or patchwork. After approximately one month, that project (block or strip), with remains of the original fabrics selected, will be passed along to the next person in that "pod". The "pod" is a circle so each person will also receive a project from another person in the "pod". During that second month, each person will add whatever suits their fancy to the project they have just received. The process continues each month until the project circles back to the person who started it. That person will add a backing, quilting and binding to complete the project. If you don't feel capable of quilting, we will have a list of others who might be willing to do that step for you.

We will explain the Round Robin concept at the December meeting and answer any questions. We hope you would like to participate this winter/spring. You will have an opportunity to sign up at the December meeting. If you will not be able to attend the December meeting and you are interested in joining a "pod", please email Patti using president@illinoisquilters.com

IQI Boutique Table

The first IQI Boutique Table is a success! We made \$625.00 with only a month to prepare. Thank you all who sewed and finished items that we offered to buyers. Everyone pitching in with Round Robin items, table runners, aprons, small wall pieces, baby quilts etc., made this table possible.

Next year we need to collect items in September (or earlier) so they can be tagged and readied for sale. We will offer ideas at the December potluck and will encourage everyone to make at least one item and hopefully two items that can be sold. What isn't sold we will try and return. Great job IQI members who helped! And special thanks to Mary Meyers who offered to help me and didn't realize what that entailed! I couldn't have done it without her, and we've agreed to do it one more time.

Thank you all!

Martha Ross-Mockaitis

Workshop Registration—Don't Wait!!!

If you are planning to attend any of the workshops that are planned for January-May, **please sign up now**. If there aren't enough people registered before our contracted cancellation deadline, we will need to consider canceling the workshop. Don't let the opportunity to learn something new or to sharpen your skills pass you by!

Winter Retreat Registrations are Open!!

"The 2023 Quilt In: January 27-29"

Join us as we once again gather for another great weekend of quilting, fun, sharing new ideas, good food that we did not have to cook, a traditional "freebie" table and much much more. We'll meet at the Crowne Plaza, Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook. Cost is \$295 for a shared room; \$395 for a single; includes Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and a Sunday brunch.

Laurie Gorton, Barb Cushing and Jan Aaron, the event's committee chairs, will each lead a mini workshop during the day on Saturday. Laurie's focuses on using two men's ties to make a wine bottle carrier. Barb's focuses on sewing with clear plastic material to make a tool bag. Jan will demonstrate and explain Susan K. Cleveland's method for enhancing quilts with piping.

Preregistration is required; the form is included in this Oak Leaf. Attendance is limited to 30; IQI members get first preference.

Your Quilt In Committee

IQI Raffle Quilts for 2023 and 2024 need you!

Please join a team for an upcoming IQI Raffle Quilt. It is fun to work with a group and our raffle quilts help IQI to pay for speakers and programs. There are several ways to help:

Perhaps you would like to join the team assembling the 2023 Raffle Quilt, and giving it a name. We would like to have it assembled before the end of December.

Would you like to visit other quilt guild meetings in 2023? Join the team taking our raffle quilt to other meetings so that their members can purchase chances on this beauty.

Join the team who will brainstorm and select a design for the 2024 Raffle Quilt. This process can start soon. Then fabrics will be selected and packets can be made to share the production of your design. This is a very exciting process and your group can bring inspiration to fruition!

PROGRAMS: LECTURES

Programs to look forward to this year:

Thursday, January 5, 2023 - Ann Brauer (Zoom Presentation only)
“40 Years of Quilting”

Thursday, February 2, 2023 - Judy Zoelzer Levine
“Sheer Delight”

Thursday, March 2, 2023 - Maggie Weiss
“Quilting Matters: Raising Awareness With Textile Art”

Thursday, April 13, 2023 - Connie Martin
“Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad”

Thursday, May 4, 2023 - Cindy Grisdela
“Anatomy of an Improv Quilt”

2022—2023 WORKSHOP CALENDAR

You can sign up (online or using the attached registration form) for our exciting workshops to expand your quilting skills. Here’s what is planned for the year:



“Making Memories - T-Shirt Quilt Workshop”
with Alison Selivon

Saturday, January 7, 2023
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

T-Shirt quilts make great gifts for many occasions. During this workshop, **participants will cut and prepare shirts for quilting**. We will discuss best practices and techniques working with stretch knits and alternative quilting fabrics. Participants will construct a 6 to 12 (12 max shirts) quilt top from t-shirts.

2022—2023 WORKSHOP CALENDAR

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“Bead It” with Judy Zoelzer Levine

Friday, February 3, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Learn solid beading, string beading, scatter beading and quilting with beads and, if time permits, a few other tricks. In just a few hours you’ll be adding pizzazz to your quilts and clothing.



“Silks, Satins and Other Fun Stuff” with Judy Zoelzer Levine

Saturday, February 4, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

You will create a sampler using non-traditional quilting fabrics, those “other” fabrics you have always loved. Learn the special tricks to make each of these fabrics easy and fun to work with. Techniques are appropriate for machine and handwork.



“About Face” with Maggie Weiss

Saturday, March 4, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Explore Monoprinting, Fusing and Machine Reverse Appliqué for creating a variety of faces in fabric with distinct tactile and visual appeal. Inspiration might be a portrait, mask, animal or creating an alter ego. Drawing is not necessary! Some students may prefer to bring in faces from magazines or photocopies for reference. In-class work will yield inspiration for blocks or a series from our sample of techniques.



2022—2023 WORKSHOP CALENDAR

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“Walk Around the Block: Walking Foot Quilting” with Carol Wilhoit

Saturday, April 15, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Walking foot quilting can be an easy and attractive way to quilt your projects. Some of the walking foot techniques you will learn include: how to stitch straight lines without marking your quilt, circular spiral quilting, quilting curved designs using freezer paper templates, joining lines of stitching invisibly, matchstick quilting, radiating lines, square spirals, echoed curves and using your piecing design to quilt grid designs with little or no marking. The class also covers needles, thread, batting, basting your quilt, and setting up your machine .



“Artful Improv” with Cindy Grisdela

(Above is Cindy’s improv quilt, made with techniques used in this class.)

Friday 9:00 - 4:00 and Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

May 5-6, 2023

Learn to create your own original quilts with no pattern using improvisational piecing techniques. Students will learn to let go of the “rules” and piece blocks in an intuitive, free form fashion and may wish to begin with blocks or other elements left over from previous projects. We will explore contemporary Improv log cabin style blocks, Improv Curves, and Angled Stripes, plus Insets and Curved Strips. We will discuss color choices and using simple design principles to create an original dynamic composition.



“Curves and Stripes” with Cindy Grisdela

Saturday, May 6, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Learn to piece curves and stripes with no pins and no templates.

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Use phone numbers from directory or email

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(design), Amy Parker (quilting)



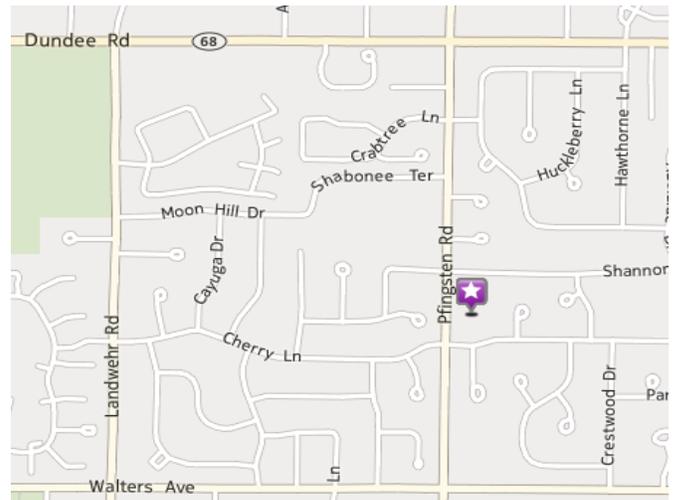
IN OTHER NEWS

The Geminids meteor shower will peak in night skies

Starting in the evening of Dec. 13, through the next day's dawn, you might get your best chance to catch a glimpse of the Geminids meteor shower. Learn more about the this year's Geminids how to watch them here: <https://nyti.ms/3FHTL1c>



Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Northfield
460 Sunset Ridge Road (at Willow Road)



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Northbrook
1133 Pflingsten Road (at Cherry Lane)



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2022-2023

Membership Directory Deadline: September 10, 2022

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

Please PRINT clearly.

Today's date _____

Name (as you want it on name badge and 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 and volunteer service hours, each member of IQI is

encouraged to buy or sell \$25 worth of raffle tickets each year.

- FEES: _____ \$60.00 annual Membership Dues
- _____ \$25 Raffle Quilt tickets
- _____ \$10.00 optional Oak Leaf printing and mailing fee - Emailed Oak Leaf is free!
- _____ donation for IQI Library Fund
- _____ donation for supplies for IQI Community Service
- _____ donation to general fund

Total \$ _____

Payment options: may be paid by cash, check or Zelle – send payment to IllinoisQuiltersinc.com

___ PayPal – through website www.illinoisquilters.com.

___ Cash

___ Check # _____

Future Programs and Workshops

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

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:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> board (I would be willing to serve) | <input type="checkbox"/> potluck help, Dec. &/or June mtg. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art of Fiber show/boutique | <input type="checkbox"/> challenge project for members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> help at library table at meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend retreat planning (fall or winter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> help at membership table at meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> raffle quilt (help design/make for 2023) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> host at a workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> raffle quilt (help show at other guilds) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nominating committee for next board | <input type="checkbox"/> service projects - in a group or at home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> webpage design and maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> photographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> social media/Zoom manager | <input type="checkbox"/> new member mentor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> help set up/take down tables/chairs at monthly meeting | |

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:

Please send me a form for a Professional Services listing in our Membership Directory.

2022-23 IQI Workshop and Event Registration Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Address (if non-member): _____

Day/Date	Teacher: Event Title	Mem ber	Non- member	Kit Fee
Sat. 9am-3pm 10/8/2022 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Jane Sassaman: Leaf Sampler	\$60	\$75	TBD
Sat. 9am-4pm 1/7/2023 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Alison Selivon: Making Memories: T-shirt Quilt	\$50	\$60	TBD
Friday 1-4pm. 2/3/2023 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Judy Zoelzer Levine: Bead It	\$50	\$60	TBD
Sat. 9am-4pm 2/4/2023 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Judy Zoelzer Levine: Silks, Satins and Other Fun Stuff	\$50	\$60	TBD
Sat. 9am-4pm 3/4/2023 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Maggie Weiss: About Face	\$60	\$75	TBD
Sat. 9am-4pm 4/15/2023 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Carol Wilhoit: Around the Block: Walking Foot Quilting	\$50	\$60	TBD
Fri.9-4 & Sat.9-12 5/5-6/2023 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Cindy Grisdela: Artful Improv	\$90	\$100	TBD
Saturday 1-4pm. 5/6/2023 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Cindy Grisdela: Curves and Stripes	\$50	\$60	TBD
Fri. & Sat. 5/5-6/2023 <small>Live at Ascension</small>	Cindy Grisdela: BOTH workshops	\$120	\$130	TBD

Supply lists are available at in-person meetings (if held), and at <https://illinoisQuilters.com/events>.

Please make checks payable to "Illinois Quilters, Inc."

Sign up on our website via Zelle or PayPal, or mail this form with a check to the Workshop Registrar (non-members please mail to: IQI, P.O. Box 39, Wilmette IL 60091-0039).

Refunds are available up to 30 days in advance, minus a \$5 handling fee. Requests for refunds must be in writing or confirmed email and submitted to the Workshop Coordinator.

2022-23 Workshop Coordinator: Cynthia Karabush, 2018 W. Greenleaf Ave. #2F, Chicago IL 60645

Registration Form

IQI's annual Quilt In: January Friday 27-Sunday 29, 2023, at Crowne Plaza, 2875 N. Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook, IL

The hotel will provide a light dinner Friday night, three meals Saturday and a buffet brunch on Sunday morning. Go to bed early or stay up sewing all night. Each of us will have a 6-foot table and cutting and ironing stations are shared.

Three mini workshops will be offered on Saturday during the day. Your choice to attend or not.

- 1) Men's Tie Wine Bottle Carrier, Laurie Gorton uses two men's ties.
- 2) Clear Front Zippered Tool Bag, Barb Cushing brings her tips and tricks for working with vinyl.
- 3) Piping & Binding—the Susan K Cleveland method, Jan Aaron will demonstrate how to add another element to your quilt finishes.

Registration fees are \$295 (double occupancy, shared room) or \$395 (single occupancy). Return your registration form with a \$165 deposit to hold your spot. The balance is due on December 15, 2022.

Indicate what mini workshops you will attend: circle the number above.

_____ Today's date

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Circle your preferences: Single (private room) Double (shared room)

My roommate is: _____

Accessible hotel room requested: _____

I have these food restrictions: _____

Indicate how you are making payment of \$165 deposit or a full payment (please circle one)

Amount \$ _____ paid by cash _____ check # _____ Zelle _____ Date sent by Zelle _____.

Zelle: illinoisquiltersinc@gmail.com

Mail form & check payment to Jan Aaron, 400 E. Randolph St., Apt. 1425, Chicago, IL 60601.

Please email Jan at quilterjan1452@gmail.com with any questions.

Your Quilt In Committee: Jan Aaron, Barb Cushing and Laurie Gorton