

The Oak Leaf

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President's Letter

Welcome Winter! As of this writing, our area hasn't received much snow. It sure has been gloomy though. I hope you have been able to cheer up many hours with sewing. Put some bright fabrics and maybe a little whimsy into your work.

I went to see the current exhibit in the Dittmar Gallery, in the Norris Center of Northwestern University. "Radiant Compositions II", a collection of Black American quilts including some works of Dr. Vaughn-Manley who spoke to our guild last program year. This show ties in perfectly with our program this month presented by Judy Zoelzer Levine. Judy will show us ways to use beads, silks, wools, laces and sheer fabric in our quilts. I believe a visit to the show at Northwestern will excite you to try adding beads and some of the non-traditional fabrics. Trying something new is certainly a good way to liven up the winter! Visit the exhibit in the Dittmar Gallery if you can and join us for Judy Zoelzer Levine's lecture Feb. 2. There are still spaces available in the workshops the following Friday and Saturday.

IQI's January Community Service Day was well-attended. Several quilts were under way and quilters had fun working on projects together. What a great way to spend a rainy day! Plan now to join the group at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Northbrook on Thursday, February 23, anytime between 9:30 am and 4 pm. You'll have fun and get better acquainted with some quilting friends.

I'm looking forward to the Quilt-In, January 27-29. I think we will have some fun work to show you at our next evening meeting, Thursday, February 2.

Patti Carrington

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Remember!

- Bring your Name Badge
- Bring your Show and Tell
- Bring a Friend
- Bring Library Books to return and find another to check out on the library tables.



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NEXT MEETINGS:

Feb 2, 2023 **LIVE** Meeting at 7 pm.
Judy Zoelzer Levine, "Sheer Delight". Lutheran Church of the Ascension. Zoom also available.

March 2, 2023 **LIVE** at 7 pm. Maggie Weiss, "Quilting Matters: Raising Awareness with Textile Art"

NEXT WORKSHOPS:

Live Workshops at Lutheran Church of the Ascension,

Friday, Feb 3, 1:00-4:00 pm.
"Bead It!" with Judy Zoelzer Levine.

Saturday Feb 4, 9am—4pm
"Silks, Satins and other Fun Stuff" with Judy Zoelzer Levine.

NEXT BOARD MEETING and COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING:

Feb. 20, 7:15 pm via **Zoom**.

NEXT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS

Thursday Feb. 23. and April 20,
9:30 to 4pm at Gloria Dei

Monthly Meeting Thursday, February 2 - In-person

Are you looking for a way to add subtlety and depth to your quilts? Judy Zoelzer Levine will present "Sheer Delight," an extensive look at using netting and sheers to add illusion, shadows and to change subtle colors in your quilts and wearable art. Join us at the February meeting to learn about adding something new to your quilts.

You can see more of Judy's work at <https://www.judylevine.com>

February Workshops

Judy will also present two workshops in February. See the "Workshop Calendar" section of this newsletter for information about these unique workshops and how to register.



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 in-person February meeting will be a great time to talk it over with friends, and ask some questions of those currently in office. For any general questions --- call Lynn Bradburn, 847-274-3472.

2024 IQI Raffle Quilt

Even as the 2023 Raffle Quilt is being quilted, we've begun planning a raffle Quilt for 2024. Would you like to be on this planning team and select fabrics? We'll be making kits for members to help by making blocks. There is something for everyone: Applique, simple four-patch piecing and curved piecing of Drunkard's Path Blocks. Would you like to help cut fabrics for kits? Let us know at info@illinoisquilters.com

2023 Challenge Quilt

This year's challenge quilt is called "Dotty 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.



2023 ROUND ROBIN

Members who joined the Round Robin are enthusiastically getting the start of a project ready. They hope to pass their piece to the next in their group and receive another. Each month they add creatively to one of the projects.

LIBRARY NEWS

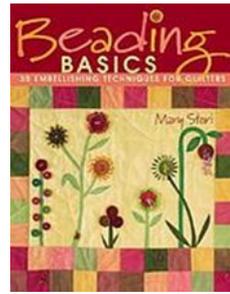
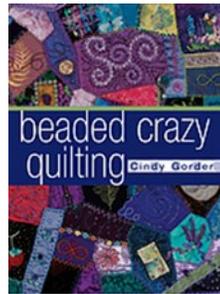
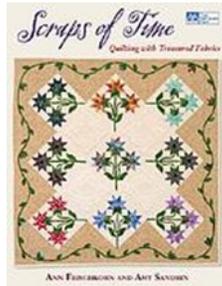
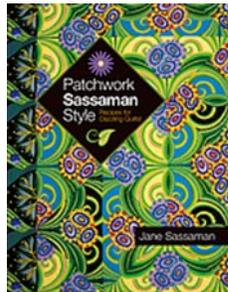
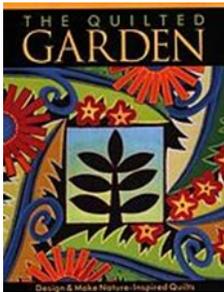
Finally, a meeting when the Library will be available to the membership to browse and check out books and tools! We'll be set up before the meeting so you can come over to our tables then or during the break between our speaker and the business meeting.

To give you some ideas based on our lectures and workshops this year, here is a small selection of books we have in our collection (not all by the presenters):

Jane Sassaman – Quilted Garden / Patchwork Sassaman Style: recipes for dazzling quilts!

Silks & Satins workshop – Scraps of Time: quilting with treasured fabrics by Frischkorn.

Beading workshop – Beaded Crazy Quilting by Gorder / Beading Basics by Stori.



We have lots of other books as well, come discover them yourself or email us (library@illinoisquilters.com) at least a day before the meeting to request topics.

Your Librarians – Linda Feinberg, Barb Feinberg, Judy Maffris

IQI SERVICE DATES

Service is SEW much fun! A great way to meet other members and accomplish something that will really matter. We meet from 9:30am to about 3:30pm once a month on a Thursday at Gloria Dei in Northbrook.

Feel free to bring your lunch and your sewing machine if you want.

Here are the dates for the rest of the quilty year:

February 23

April 20

May 18

June 22

(March had to be canceled because of a scheduling conflict)

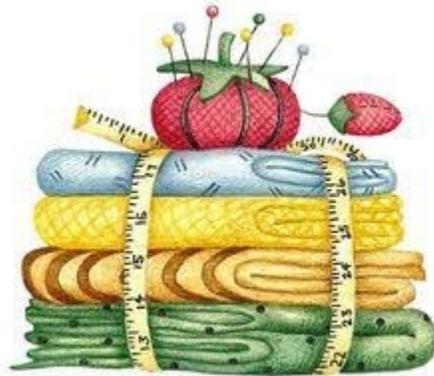
Hope to see you there!!

Workshop Registration—Don't Wait!!!

There are several workshops covering a wide range of quilting topics being offered January-May, but we need to know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. If there aren't enough registrants to cover the cost of the workshop, we need to cancel it.

Please go to the IQI website to register for the workshops you plan to attend at least two months before it is scheduled so we know if the workshop will be viable.

Thanks so much for supporting your guild this way.



Sewing Project

- Here's an idea for something easy and elegant to make for the guild to sell in the boutique at the Fine Art of Fiber in November. These self-binding napkins take two fat quarters each and go together quickly. I've been making them to give as hostess gifts. What a great way to use up your stash! Batiks work well for this project as they have little to no stretch and won't lose their shape after washing.

You can make matching placemats if you wish by simply cutting the one piece 18 x 24 inches and the second piece 14 x 20 inches. Sewing instruction would be exactly the same.

Here are a few pictures of some I've made so far.

The pattern is free on A Different Box of Crayons' website.

<https://www.adifferentboxofcrayons.com/shop/c/p/NAPKINS-SELF-BINDING-x54912621.htm>

Submitted by Cathy Baker



FOR SALE

Baby Lock Tiara II Model BLTR 16A2 sit-down quilting machine.

Includes Tru-Stitch stitch regulator. Tiara Quilting Table with overlay and Variable Speed Bobbin Winder Model BLQBW.

Purchased new in 2015 for \$6000, but still in the box and never used. \$4000 obo.

Great opportunity if you have been considering expanding your quilting skills!

For more information, please contact Sue DiVarco (in directory)



PROGRAMS: LECTURES

Programs to look forward to this year:

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:



“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~~

This workshop is cancelled because too few people had registered..

2022—2023 WORKSHOP CALENDAR

continued



“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

(At left 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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2023 Raffle Quilt: Cynthia Karabush, Jan Skilbeck, Rachel

Sychowski, Patti Carrington (design), Amy

Parker (quilting)

2023 Raffle Quilt Tickets & Travels: Patti Carrington



IN OTHER NEWS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Now through Oct 15, Bonnie Peterson exhibit at the Peggy Notebaert Museum. For more information: <https://naturemuseum.org/explore/exhibits/natural-consequences/>

Pride of the Prairie Quilt Show, March 11-12. Crest Hill, IL. <https://prideofprairie.org>.

Salt Creek Patchmakers quilt show "Oh, Scrap". March 24 & 25, Clinton IL For info, email SaltCreekPatchmakers@gmail.com

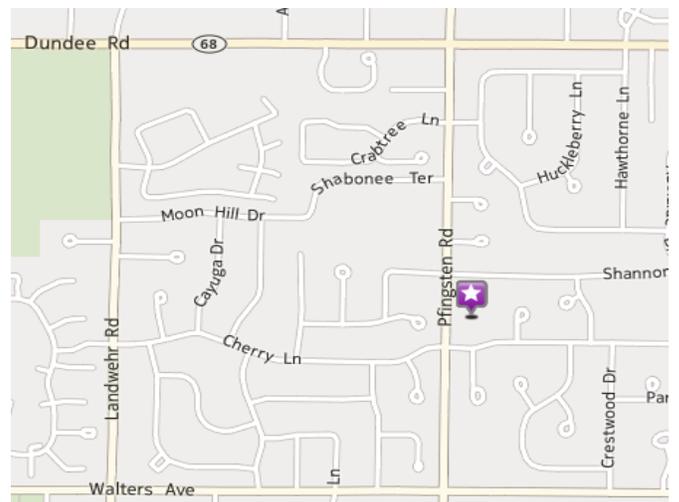
Make plans now to attend the AQS Quilt Week in Paducah, KY, April 26-29, 2023. Quilts & Clothing, Classes, Lectures and Vendors.

North Suburban Quilters Guild Bi-Annual show May 19-20, 2023 at Judson University, Elgin, IL.

Barbara Schneider Wide Open in Gallery I and Art Cloth Network in Gallery II. Bloomingdale IL Park District, July 8-Aug 5.



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



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Northbrook
1133 Pfingsten 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	Member	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