

# The Oak Leaf

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## President's Letter

Greetings to my fellow quilters,

I am happy to know you through Illinois Quilters. We are drawn to quilting for the love of fabric and the joy of making something beautiful and useful. The community of quilters is what makes us stay. Be an active part of your quilt guild. Join us for live lectures and bring a friend. This month's lecture might interest a non-quilting friend as Connie Martin brings civil war history to life. I think that you will find that IQI will enrich your life even more when you are more involved with the monthly activities of the guild.

Each spring the board of IQI makes plans for the coming year, the programs and activities. This includes the search for new board members and committee chairs. Please consider joining the board for next year. Contact Lynn Bradburn to discuss how you might add to the life of the guild and your own enjoyment of IQI. Your fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm can help IQI to be great.

There are two open positions which I would like to feature here. I have enjoyed my term as president but in June it will be time to take another role. The duties of IQI president are multi-faceted. Writing a letter for the Oak Leaf is one that has not been easy for me but I must say that it has encouraged my reflection on what this community means to me. Each monthly board meeting has strengthened the bonds within our group as we plot and problem solve together, trying to make IQI better. Please consider becoming the next president of IQI. You can commit for one year or two. We have an energetic group coming on the Board and committees for next year to serve with you.

We also seek a new chairperson to serve as workshops coordinator. This position could be filled quite well by a pair of friends. In addition to taking registrations online and at our general meetings, the workshop coordinator works with the president to reserve workshop space, making sure the furniture and equipment are ready. As each workshop approaches, a hostess is scheduled who will help the workshop leader get to and from the venue when needed and provide lunch (from carryout) for the workshop leader. Please consider serving IQI in this vital role for the year ahead.

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:

Lutheran Church of the Ascension

April 13, 2023 LIVE at 7 pm. Connie Martin, "Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad"

**NOTE: Our April meeting and workshop are the second Thursday and Saturday, April 13 and 15, due to Ascension's Easter schedule.**

May 4, 2023 LIVE at 7 pm. Cindy Grisdela, "Anatomy of an Improv Quilt".

## NEXT WORKSHOPS:

Live Workshops at Lutheran Church of the Ascension,

Saturday April 15, 9 am to 4 pm.  
"Walking Foot Quilting" with Carol Wilhoit

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6. See details on page 8.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING and COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING:

April 17, 7:15 pm via Zoom.

## NEXT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS

Thursday April 20 and May 18, 9:30 to 3:30pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

## Monthly Meeting Thursday, April 13

Connie Martin finds joy in telling about the secret codes and hidden messages used over 200 years ago by abolitionists and fugitive slaves to signify escape routes to the North, and in the family quilts of her ancestors. Connie is a sixth-generation descendant of captured African slaves forced into slavery in America. In her lecture, "Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad," she will tell the history of the Underground Railroad and the safe routes as well as the stories of the meaning and interpretations of the quilt codes that have been passed down to her. She will show how quilts were used to signal plans, warn of dangers, indicate how transport might occur, or who might help as "Friends" on the Underground Railroad.



If you haven't been attending meetings in person lately, April would be a great month to start again. The speaker has some wonderful artifacts to share, which always have greater impact in person than online. The weather usually isn't so bad, you can check out the library and upcoming events and get entered in the monthly attendance raffle, and get a great look at Show and Tell.

Hope to see you April 13!

## Register for the Fall Retreat

Join us September 22-24, 2023 at Crowne Plaza in Northbrook. From 3 pm Friday to 3 pm Sunday, we forget about the rest of the world while we sew, chat and eat. Meals will be provided so we stay out of the kitchen. Registration is now open to members for IQI's 2023 Fall Retreat. Sign up now and encourage your friends to join you. Non-members can sign up now pending June confirmation. A joy-filled weekend awaits us!

## 2023 IQI Raffle Quilt

Our new quilt, “Bodacious Blooms” is ready to showcase . Packets of tickets will be available for each member at the April 13 meeting. Pick yours up and support IQI for a chance to win our bright beauty. IQI plans for each member to buy/sell \$25 worth of raffle tickets each year.

## 2024 IQI Raffle Quilt

Join us to make the next raffle quilt. Kits for construction will be available at the April meeting. Take one or a few to be sewn and returned at the May 4 meeting. Choose simple four-patch piecing or applique. Be a part of this next exciting quilt. Contact us if you need more information: at [info@illinoisquilters.com](mailto: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 at [info@illinoisquilters.com](mailto:info@illinoisquilters.com) with questions.



## 2023 ROUND ROBIN

Round Robin projects have been making their rounds. They have been passed to the final person in each “circle”. In May they will return to the person who started them who will add backing, quilting and binding.

We’ll soon have some beautiful items for IQI to sell in the Fine Art of Fiber.

## 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:

April 20  
May 18  
June 22

Hope to see you there!!

IQI received a lovely letter from Care for Real thanking us for the donated quilts. They share them with neighbors in need who visit their pantry.

## IT TAKES TEAMWORK

We need a team. Georgia Cibul is looking for help sorting fabric which belonged to Jim Pilarski. Some of it will go to Flying Needles (applique group) and some will go to IQI. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Georgia through her directory address or through [info@illinoisquilters.com](mailto:info@illinoisquilters.com)

## FOR SALE \$4,000 obo

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 \$6,000, but still in the box and never used. Great opportunity if you have been considering expanding your quilting skills!

For more information, please contact Sue DiVarco.  
(Contact info is in Membership Directory).



## Join us this Summer for the IQI FAOF Boutique Sewing Bee

This past year at the Fine Art of Fiber Quilt Show we were lucky to have a small table in the Boutique to sell items to support guild activities. We are planning to have a bigger table this Fall for the 2023 show. To be sure we have a well-stocked table, we have organized and scheduled three sewing days this summer. Aside from making a little money for the guild, summer sewing builds community, uses up our supplies, encourages us to try new patterns, and keeps interest in the guild over the summer. We hope you will join us.

### **Thursday, June 15—10-4--Gloria Dei Lutheran Church—Fellowship Hall**

Projects to sew: Pillowcases, table runners, flannel baby blankets, baby quilts, fidget blankets.

### **Saturday, July 22—10-4--Ascension Lutheran Church--Augustana Room**

Tote bags, zipper pouches, microwave bowls, wine coolers, lightweight grocery totes.

### **Tuesday, August 15—10-4--Gloria Dei—Fellowship Hall**

Chenille potholders, coasters, mug rugs, pie potholders, tool rolls.

More details and supply lists to come. Volunteer teachers and patterns needed. But mark your calendars now with these dates, start your summer shopping and begin to set aside materials to help make the projects outlined above.

**Questions:** Contact Carol Nielsen, [carolnielsen2100@gmail.com](mailto:carolnielsen2100@gmail.com)

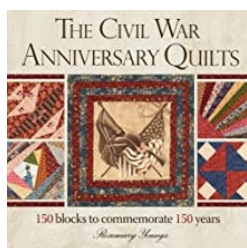




## Library News

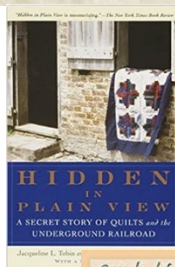
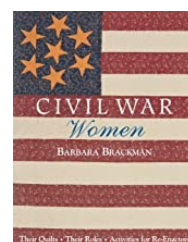
The Library has a variety of books on the topic of our April lecture and workshop. See what we have about the Civil War and machine quilting that you can check out. Examples below.

Looking ahead, we will be having a book sale at the May and June membership meetings to sell books we have withdrawn from our collection. Look in the next newsletter for more information. There will be some great finds. The proceeds will go toward purchasing some new quilt books for the collection.

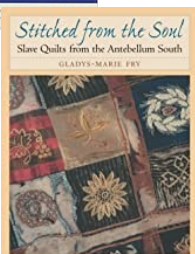


**The Civil War Anniversary Quilts:  
150 Blocks to Commemorate 150 Years**  
by Rosemary Youngs | 2012

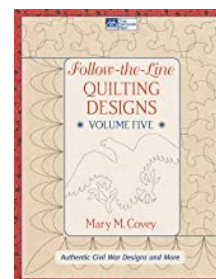
**Civil War Women: Their Quilts, Their Roles,  
Activities for Re-Enactors**  
by Barbara Brackman | 2000



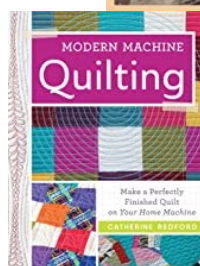
**Hidden in Plain View:  
A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad**  
by Jacqueline L. Tobin, Raymond G. Dobard, et al. | 1990



**Stitched from the Soul:  
Slave Quilts from the Antebellum South**  
by Gladys-Marie Fry | 2002



**Follow the Line Quilting Designs  
Volume 5:  
Authentic Civil War Designs and  
More by Mary M. Covey | 2012**



**Modern Machine Quilting:  
Make a perfectly finished  
quilt on your home machine**  
by Catherine Redford | 2017



**Machine Quilting Solutions:  
Techniques for Fast & Simple to Award-  
Winning Designs**  
by Christine Maraccini | 2007

Your Librarians – Linda Feinberg & Barbara Feinberg

## Workshop Registration—Don't Wait!!!

There are still some spots open for the final workshops of the 2022-2023 offerings. Check the IQI website for more information and to register.

Thanks so much for supporting your guild this way.

## PROGRAMS: LECTURES

### Programs to look forward to this year:

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:

**“Walk Around the Block: Walking Foot Quilting” workshop Saturday, April 15, 9:00 - 4:00. Bring your lunch.**

**NOTE:** There is a big supply list, so don't wait until the last minute to prepare. We recommend you bring a little light to help brighten your sewing space.

Carol Wilhoit is a retired physician who has been quilting for 40+ years and teaching for 10+ years. Walking foot quilting is much more than stitching in the ditch! It can be an easy and attractive way to quilt your own quilts. In this class, you will learn creative ways to use your walking foot for quilting and extend your knowledge of those skills and patterns as the day progresses.



# 2022—2023 WORKSHOP CALENDAR

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“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.

Sign up for any (or all) of these on the Workshop Registration form in this newsletter



## IQI Board Members

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*Use phone numbers from directory or email*

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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/>

Arthur's Annual Show with a quilt auction, vendors and a raffle quilt. April 27-29 in Arthur, IL. [www.arthuril.us](http://www.arthuril.us)

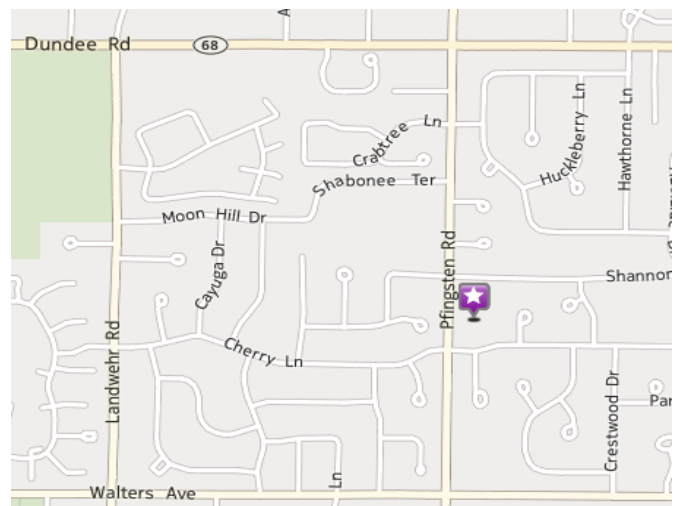
Make plans now to attend the AQS Quilt Week in Paducah, KY, April 26-29, 2023. Quilts & Clothing, Classes, Lectures and Vendors.

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)

# Illinois Quilters, Inc.

## 2023 Fall Retreat Registration

**Registration Deadline: August 15, 2023**

\_\_\_\_\_ Today's date

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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**The 2023 Fall Retreat will be September 22 – 24, 2023 at Crowne Plaza Chicago Northbrook  
2875 N. Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook, IL.**

**Registration fees are \$295 for double occupancy (shared room) and \$395 for single occupancy.**

Please indicate your preferences:

Single (private room)    Double (shared room)    [Please circle your preference]

I would like to share my room with \_\_\_\_\_.

I have the following menu restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting my registration with    a \$145 deposit    full payment    [Please circle one]

Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    paid by cash \_\_\_\_\_    or check # \_\_\_\_\_

or Zelle \_\_\_\_\_ through [IllinoisQuiltersInc@gmail.com](mailto:IllinoisQuiltersInc@gmail.com)

or PayPal \_\_\_\_\_ on our website [www.illinoisquilters.com](http://www.illinoisquilters.com)

Regardless of method of payment, this completed form should be turned in at a meeting or mailed to Patti Carrington, 1025 Hull Terr., Evanston, IL 60202.

Please address questions to our phone numbers from your IQI directory  
or by email to [info@illinoisquilters.com](mailto:info@illinoisquilters.com)

***IQI's 2023 Fall Retreat Committee: Patti Carrington    Cheryl Paras    Deanna Safe***



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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.*

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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 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](http://IllinoisQuiltersinc.com)  
\_\_\_\_ PayPal – through website [www.illinoisquilters.com](http://www.illinoisquilters.com).

\_\_\_\_ Cash

\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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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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**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:

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☐ 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: Road 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