

The Oak Leaf

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President's Letter

Can it really be almost Fall? Didn't we just get out of school and make plans for the summer? I don't know about you but somehow summer always seems to get away from me. So in August, I get a grip and try to fit in all the things I thought I would get done in June and July. Makes for a busy month – and then usually I just give up LOL.

As I have gotten older, I hoped that since summer passed so quickly, winter would do the same – but no such luck. Winter seems to last just as long. Anyway – that is good news because cold weather always makes me want to quilt. I love to sit in front of the TV with a quilt on my lap and do the binding by hand. There is something so Zen about that for me.

As for IQI – we've got a new year planned out! Workshops, speakers, Fine Art of Fiber, service dates.... Read all about it and think about what you'd like to be involved in. We need everybody's talents to make this a vibrant and engaging guild.

There will NOT be a library at the September meeting since our intrepid librarians are on vacation (for once). They will be back in October.

The fall retreat has spaces open and the committee has opened up a Saturday only option which includes food but no hotel room. It's \$100 and you can spend the whole day sewing.

Lastly if you have a chance, please look at our website and other guild websites and think about what you like and do not like about them. You can email those thoughts to president@illinoisquilters.com. We are going to try to update and redesign our website this coming year and we'd love your suggestions NOW as we get that process underway.

Now is the time to make a quilting agenda for the fall/winter! What do you want to start, learn, complete this coming 9 months?? See you September 7th at Lutheran Church of the Ascension!

Ellen Pomes

Remember to Bring!

- ◆ Your Name Badge Holder
- ◆ Raffle ticket stubs and funds for tickets sold
- ◆ Items for Show and Tell
- ◆ FAOF entry forms and checks, Silent Auction items with submission forms.
- ◆ Items you've made for the Boutique over the summer.
- ◆ Calendar and cash or checkbook for annual membership renewal, service dates, workshops and FAOF volunteer shifts.



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NEXT MEETINGS:
Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 7 pm.

Sept 7, 2023 LIVE at 7 pm,
Speaker via Zoom:
Marin Hansen from the
International Quilt Museum
"Why Study Quilts: An
International Perspective".

Oct 5 LIVE at 7:00 pm.

NEXT WORKSHOPS:
Live Workshops at Lutheran
Church of the Ascension,

Sept. 9, 2023 9am-4pm.
Schoolhouse.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING and
COMMITTEE CHAIR
MEETING:**
Sept. 18, 7pm on Zoom

**NEXT COMMUNITY
SERVICE DAYS:**
Weds, Sept 13, 2023
Weds, Oct 18, 2023

MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Thursday, September 7 lecture, 7 p.m. The lecture is by Zoom but we will be meeting in person.

Let's welcome Marin Hanson, Curator of the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln Nebraska for our September meeting. Marin has travelled all over the world studying quilts and cross-cultural quilt making practices. She has two degrees in museum studies. She has curated several exhibitions at the Museum in addition to curating various sections of the Museum's website. The International Quilt Museum is the world's largest collection of publicly owned quilts from 50 countries dating from the 1600s to the present day.



Members may enjoy looking at the Virtual Exhibits available on the museum's website. There are virtual exhibits going back to 2008. Each exhibit is a feast for the eyes. Go to [https:// www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/exhibitions](https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/exhibitions)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We are still accepting IQI membership applications for the upcoming 2023/2024 IQI season. In order to be listed in the membership directory, and to exhibit your work in this year's Fine Art of Fiber, we need to receive your application before or at the September 7th meeting. The annual membership fee is \$60.00 for new and renewing members. The application form is available on the IQI website. Payment can be made with Zelle or PayPal. Alternatively, print the form, fill it out, include a check, and mail to Illinois Quilters Inc., P.O. Box 39, Wilmette, IL 60091-0039.

Both Rachel and Deborah will be at the meeting September 7th and will accept applications and checks from anyone wishing to renew in person.

Rachel Sychowski and Deborah Himelhoch, Membership Co-Chairs

FINE ART OF FIBER

Just a reminder that all applications to the Fine Art of Fiber exhibit and boutique are due September 12. Application forms and information are available on the show website, fineartoffiber.org. This year's show runs Friday-Sunday, November 3-5, 2023 at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Lake Cook Rd. in Glencoe, IL.

The SignUp Genius website for volunteer signups will open early in October. All exhibitors are required to do 1-2 volunteer stints during the show (see show information sheet for details). This year there is an additional opportunity to volunteer at the IQI education table--please contact Patti Carrington or Cathy Baker if you are interested. Boutique volunteer signups will be done by Ronna Leibach.

Our stalwart Silent Auction organizers Chris Deering and Gretchen Alexander ask that all Silent Auction items be turned in by the October guild meeting, Oct 5, to give them time to price and organize items. They are also able to take items at the September meetings. Please be sure to include a submission form with each donated item.

We will have show postcards available for distribution to members at the September meeting. We will also have postcards designated for area quilt and fiber shops. If you are able to drop off a pile of postcards to one of these shops, we would appreciate your help.

Nona Flores

Last year's FAOF Viewer's Choice Awards

1st Place, Abby Block, 2nd place Nona Flores, 3rd place Carole Bates



Service /Friendship committee

Mark your calendars for the fun and friendship of sewing for donation to good causes.

All dates are Wednesday!

September 13, 2023	Jan 17, 2024
October 18	February 21
November 15	March 20
No date in December	April 17
	May 15

Bring basic sewing supplies (machines are optional), please bring items for Gloria Dei's Food Pantry and Travel Toiletry Donation programs.

Last Minute Fall Retreat Registrations!!

Fall Retreat
September 22-24, 2023
Crowne Plaza in Northbrook
3 pm Friday to 3 pm Sunday

A wonderful opportunity to get away from the kitchen, the family, and sew, chat and eat with some of the nicest women on the planet.

Sign up today so we have enough participants. Please send an email to Patti Carrington, Deanna Safe or Cheryl Paras if you would like to attend the retreat but as of yet have not registered.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Library will not be open at the September meeting – the Librarians are going on vacation. Make sure to check the Library catalog on the IQI website to find books for your holiday quilting that you can check out at the October meeting.

Dates of the Library for 2023/24 are October, February, March, April, and May.

Do you have suggestions for new books? Or types of books/ techniques / authors. Let us know.

There's been some interest in having more tools and templates for loan from the library. We'd like your input. We are exploring the possibility of a directory of member-owned tools or templates that you would be willing to loan to other members. A request could be made to the library and we would connect you to the owner for a temporary loan. Does this idea appeal to you? Let us know if you have any tools or templates that you're willing to share.

Hope to see you in October!

Linda Feinberg and Barbara Feinberg

IQI BOUTIQUE TABLE UPDATE

The work we are all doing to create items for the upcoming Boutique Table at this fall's Fine Art of Fiber is coming due. Every item must be priced, ticketed, and labeled with a bar code. The deadline for most items will be the Sept 7th in-person Guild Meeting at The Lutheran Church of the Ascension. Martha Ross-Mockaitis and Mary Meyers will be at the meeting to collect items.

Please attach a paper label to your donation with your name and phone number. We'll track the items so we can return any unsold pieces. According to the FAOF Boutique Room Rules, no item can be priced below \$10.00. We'd like our lower limit to be \$12.00. We will search Pinterest and Etsy for pricing guidelines. There is no upper price range limit.

Because it's summer and you are busy, if you can't attend the Sept 7th meeting with your donations, the drop-dead-deadline is the Fall Retreat Sept 22-24 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. That's the firm deadline.

Please make items to donate to the Silent Auction- that is another way the guild makes money at the FAOF in November.

2023 Challenge Quilt Winners!!

By popular vote, here are the winners of the 2023 Challenge Quilts—



1st - Amy Spungen



2nd - Staci Raymond



3rd - Ariel Tower

2023—2024 WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Saturday September 9, 2023 - 9:30am-4:00pm

Lutheran Church of the Ascension

Fall Schoolhouse

“Schoolhouse” is workshop event where members of the guild demonstrate how to make something. Bring your machine and lunch.

Talented IQI members demonstrating four projects.

\$10.00 for the day. Supply lists in this newsletter.

Ariel Towers (teaching rope bowls)

Jan Skilbeck (demonstrating the AccuQuilt fabric cutter)

Patti Carrington (teaching Paper Piecing Halloween Squares)

Ellen Pomes (teaching fidget blankets)



Saturday, October 7, 2023 - 9:30 - 2:30

Tory West of WoolyRainbows

Wool workshop to make a “Little Bird” Needle Keeper.

Tory designed the project just for our guild.

Tory West dyes her own wools and has a spectacular array of hand dyed wool. She will provide a kit that includes the pattern, wool, needle & button for \$25.00. If students want to use their own wool, the kit without the wool is \$14.00. This is an opportunity to share your wool stash with others. Wash up those old wool skirts!! Recycle!



Saturday, February 3, 2024 - 9:30 to 3:00

Workshop with Lynn Dykstra

Using Solids with Prints

We will share solids and prints to make a few simple blocks that will showcase those prints. (If your prints are too precious to share, that's ok, you don't have to!) Included will be cutting and pressing tips to maximize efficiency. We will make blocks for two different tops.



Saturday March 9, 2024 9:30am-4:00pm

Lutheran Church of the Ascension

Spring Schoolhouse

***Celebrate National Quilting Month
with four IQI members***

Sue DiVarco – How to quilt your quilt

Melanie Anderson—Using neckties to
make a little leaf block

Nona Flores—Pincushion using Boro stitching

Carol Nielsen—Using yukata and silks to make an Asian inspired little quilt



Friday, April 5 - 10:00am to 1:00pm

Foundation Paper Piecing

Saturday, April 6 - 9:30 to 3:30

SeaGlass Quilting

Workshops with Allie McCatheren



Friday, May 3 - 10:00 - 1:00

Sue Pawlowski Workshops

"Good for the Gander" Table Runner

Sue will help us practice a great way to make accurate flying geese and learn the partial seam method for putting the blocks together. If you find yourself addicted to flying geese, you can take your blocks to the next level using one of Sue's *Good for the Gander* quilt layouts!



Saturday, May 4 at Lutheran Ascension 9:30 to 4:00

"Dancing with Squares" Quilt Workshop

This fun 6-hour class will demonstrate the dot-to-dot method of joining squares and diamonds without Y seams! You decide on what size and scale you want to work on. Then grab your collection of charm squares or scrap collection and a coordinating background fabric and you are ready to dance!



Fall Schoolhouse

Renew your friendships and learn some new skills at the Saturday, September 9—Schoolhouse Workshop from 9:30am-4:00pm at Lutheran Church of the Ascension

Please register on the IQI website and pay the \$10 fee for the Schoolhouse Workshop or bring your check or cash to the workshop. You can register ahead of time and pay on site.

We are grateful to Patti Carrington, Ellen Pomes, Jan Skilbeck, Ariel Towers who will demonstrate.

Supply lists for the workshop:

Bring your machine, rotary cutter, ruler, mat, basic sewing supplies and lunch.



Patti Carrington will demonstrate paper piecing—and you will make a Halloween holiday square—could be a potholder. Bring your Halloween fabrics.

Ellen Pomes will teach us how to make fidget blankets that are used for persons with dementia and in schools for children who have anxiety, ADHD or autism. We will sew “fidget items” to a base fabric. Most blankets have 9 squares. You can use upholstery fabric, fur, or other fabrics with texture. Ellen has a supply of items you can sew on. You can also bring buttons, zippers, elastic hair bands, scrubbies, or any other materials with texture.



Jan Skilbeck will demonstrate the AccuQuilt Cutter. She will be cutting strips and squares from your donated fabric to use for future service sewing project. Bring Blue and White Prints or any novelty fabric that can be used for I-spy quilts.

Ariel Towers will demonstrate making prairie points in hoops or other designs. Bring 5-10 coordinating fabrics, pieces at least 10x10 inches and if you have a hoop that you wish to use, bring that. If you have a feature fabric that you love bring it - those medallions are really fun to make - feature should be no bigger than 4-6” for best results. You can also use the folded prairie points to make a potholder. This is a good way to use up pre-cut charm packs. They are already coordinated!!



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Fall Retreat: Cheryl Paras, Deanna Safe, Patti Carrington

Quilt In: Jan Aaron, Barb Cushing, Laurie Gorton

2024 Raffle Quilt: Design/construction: Mary Meyers,

Martha Ross-Mockaitis. Quilting: Amy Parker.

2023 Raffle Quilt Tickets & Travels: Patti Carrington

2024 Raffle Quilt Tickets & Travels (spring-fall 2024):

TBD



IN OTHER NEWS

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

Raintree Quilters Guild present 15h Harvest of Quilts-Quilt and Craft Show; quilt exhibits, shopping and raffles. Sept 15 & 16, 2023. Evansville IN. www.raintreequiltersguild.com

Faithful Circle Quilters presents their quilt show with silent auction and vendors. Sept 23 & 24, 2023. Woodridge, IL. For more info visit www.fcquilters.com

Kankakee Quiltmakers will present Autumn Splendor Quilt Show Sept. 29 & 30, 2023 <https://www.kankakeequiltmakers.com>

Plan a road trip with a friend! AQS Shows coming up and not too far away:

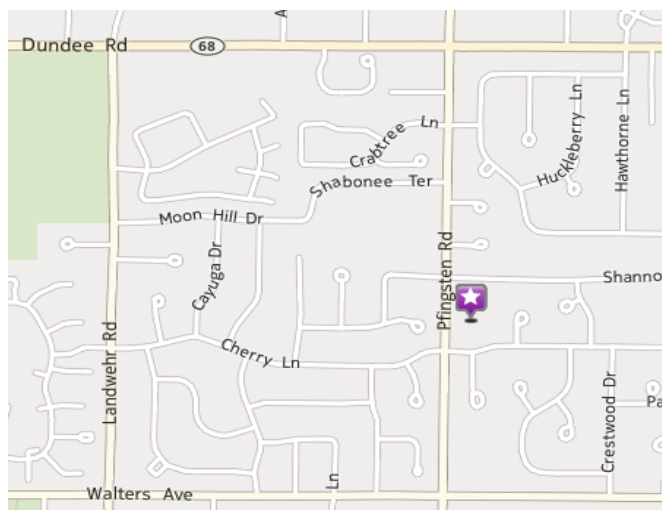
Grand Rapids, MI Sept 13-16, 2023.

Des Moines, IA Sept 27-30, 2023.

<https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek>



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 2023-2024

Please PRINT clearly.

Today's date _____

Name (as you want it on name badge and directory) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail address _____

Please indicate whether you are: _____ NEW to IQI _____ renewing _____ returning after absence

If you provide a professional quilting service that you would like listed in our Membership Directory, email your listing to: Membership@IllinoisQuilters.com

Volunteer Sign-up

IQI is a volunteer organization, and we rely on every member's participation.

Check one or more areas that you would be willing to volunteer.

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| _____ Fine Art of Fiber show/boutique | _____ challenge project for members |
| _____ help at library table at meetings | _____ weekend retreat planning (fall or winter) |
| _____ help at membership table at meetings | _____ Raffle Quilt (help design/make) |
| _____ host at a workshop | _____ Raffle Quilt (show at other guilds' mtgs) |
| _____ Nominating Committee for next board | _____ service projects - in a group or at home |
| _____ webpage design and maintenance | _____ new member mentor |
| _____ social media: Post to Facebook/Instagram | _____ potluck help, Dec. &/or June mtg. |
| _____ take photos for social media | _____ help set up/take down tables/chairs at |
| _____ run Zoom at meetings | _____ monthly meeting |

Demonstrations / Miniworkshops

From time to time, we have a program sharing the skills and wisdom of our members. Would you be willing to be an instructor/demonstrator at such a meeting? ____ Yes ____ No

Future Programs and Workshops

Please offer suggestions of speakers or workshops which you would like to enjoy with IQI.
What quilting skills are you most interested in learning more about?

_____	_____
_____	_____

FEES: ____ \$60.00 annual Membership Dues - July 1 through June 30
____ \$30.00 Spring only Membership Dues - February 1 through June 30
____ \$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 \$ ____

Indicate Payment method: ____ Zelle - send payment to IllinoisQuiltersInc@gmail.com
____ PayPal - through website www.illinoisquilters.com
____ Check # ____
____ Cash

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2023-24 IQI Workshop Registration Form

All workshops are at Ascension Lutheran Church, 460 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield, IL

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Address (if non-member): _____

Day/Date	Teacher: Event Title	Class Fees	Information on Supplies and Kit Fee	Put in the amount for each workshop you are attending
Saturday 9:30 am-4pm 9/9/2023	Schoolhouse—Four IQI members teaching four projects	\$10 ***You can pay at the door, but you need to register ahead of time, so we have sufficient supplies	Supply list In the August Newsletter for the different projects and items that will be sold at the workshop to complete your project.	
Saturday 9:30 am-2:30pm 10/7/2023	Tory West of WoolyRainbows: Little Bird Needle Keeper (Working with Wool)	\$45	For supplies, bring cash or check, to be paid to the teacher. Kits (\$25) available at the workshop. If you bring your own wool, pattern, and other supplies will be available for \$14. Valdani thread and hand-dyed wool will be for sale in addition to the kit.	
Saturday 9:30-3:00 2/3/2024	Lynn Dykstra: Using Solids with Prints	\$65	There is no kit fee--Recycling Event—bring your fabric from home. If you are willing you can share with others. Other supplies TBD	
Saturday 9:30 am-4pm 3/9/2024	Schoolhouse—Four IQI members teaching four projects.	\$10 ***You can pay at the door, but you need to register ahead of time, so we have sufficient supplies	Supplies TBD	
Friday 10am to 1pm 4/5/2024	Allie McCatheren: Foundation Paper Piecing	\$45	Supplies TBD	
Saturday April 6, 2024 9:30am-3:30pm	Allie McCatheren: SeaGlass Quilting	\$65	Supplies TBD	
Friday 10am to 1pm 5/3/2024	Sue Pawlowski: Good for the Gander Table Runner	\$45	For supplies, bring cash or check, to be paid to the teacher. Kit is \$18.00 and a Block Loc Ruler is \$26.00. Other supplies, TBD	

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Saturday 9:30am- 4pm 5/4/2024	Sue Pawlowski: Dancing with Squares (Charm pack and layer cake friendly, depending on size)	\$65	For supplies, bring cash or check, to be paid to the teacher. Pattern: \$9.00 Dancing with Squares Template: depending on size, \$6, \$12, \$15, Other supplies, TBD	
Please make checks payable to “Illinois Quilters, Inc.”			Total Due	

- Sign up on our website via Zelle or mail this form with a check to the 2023/24 Workshop Coordinator:
Jan Skilbeck, 8229 Lawndale Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076 jdskilbeck@outlook.com
- If IQI has not met the minimum number of registrations 60 days prior to the event, the workshop will be cancelled. Supply lists will be in the newsletter, will be mailed to registrants prior to a workshop, and are available at the monthly meetings.
- Refunds are available up to 60 days in advance of the workshop, minus a \$5 handling fee. Requests for refunds must be in writing or confirmed email and submitted to the Workshop Coordinator.