

The Oak Leaf

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President's Letter

So now Fall has really begun – I can't believe it myself; especially since I'm in South Carolina and it's so nice and warm here by the beach. When I get back I'm afraid it will be full on Fall in Chicago and I'll be in a time warp.

The Fall retreat will be over by this time (see page 7). We had a good time at the School House in September. I learned some new things that I'm having fun with already.

Our next meeting features the work of 3 of our own members, Amy Parker, Amy Spungeon and Ariel Towers. They are all so generous to give us insights into their work and their process – I hope you will enjoy it. We will bring 3 more boxes of fabric from Jim Pilarski's estate to sell at the meeting. The following Saturday a workshop teaching stitching on wool – there are still open spaces for that workshop so please sign up! Finally, the Fine Art of Fiber will move into high gear – how many of you have quilts in the show? You'll be able to sign up for volunteer shifts using Signup Genius on the FAOF website. Check out the details on page 4.

THE LOCATION FOR SERVICE MEETINGS HAS CHANGED. We will now be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran church in Glenview (many thanks to Cheryl Paras). The next service date is Wednesday October 18th.

Finally don't forget to look for rulers/templates that you would be willing to loan out to other members. Our library will be back this month and our librarians will have more info about how we will set up this lending library for templates.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting – bring your calendar so we can fill up this year's workshops early.

Ellen

Remember to Bring!

- ◆ Your Name Badge Holder
- ◆ Raffle ticket stubs and funds for tickets sold
- ◆ Items for Show and Tell
- ◆ FAOF Silent Auction items with submission forms.
- ◆ Calendar and cash or checkbook for service dates, workshops and FAOF volunteer shifts.



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

Oct 5 LIVE at 7:00 pm.
Dec 7 Potluck

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

Sat Oct 7 9:30 am-2:30pm
Sat Feb 3, 2024 9:30am-3:00pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING and COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING:
Mon, Oct 16 7PM via Zoom

NEXT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS:
Weds, Oct 18, 2023
Weds. Nov 15

MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Thursday, October 5 lecture, 7 p.m. We will be meeting in person.

Energy, Calm, Color, Creativity

Join us for a Members Showcase. We will welcome Amy Spungen, Ariel Towers, and Amy Parker. Each speaker has written a brief statement. It is good to get to know these talented members.

"To Quilt or Not to Quilt Is Never the Question"



Amy Spungen moved to the Chicago area 36 years ago from Northern Virginia, the day after she got married. She and her husband, Charles, now have three grown children. Amy began quilting when the oldest of them was a toddler, signing up for a beginning quilt class at Cotton Pickers on Dempster. Over the years, working and raising a family took most of her time, but she quilted whenever she could, enjoying the process of creating a quilt almost as much as she enjoyed the finished product. She also happily discovered her people: quilt fanatics like herself, who make up a wonderfully eclectic community.

"I Love Making Anything: Everything that Catches My Eye or that I Can Imagine."



Ariel Towers is an attorney who happily managed to evade practicing law by going to work for a television production company called Towers Productions which was producing a show about the law for A&E called American Justice. In so doing she not only gained a new career as a documentary producer but a husband as well. So that worked out really well!

She has three kids, loves corgis, her current is Wasabi, and has yet to meet a craft she doesn't want to try (OK maybe not spinning)! Before the pandemic she volunteered as a docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum educating students about the history of the Holocaust and about why it is important to stand up to bigotry and hatred. She currently works in the Glencoe public schools as a Teacher's Aide helping special learners be their best.

As far as quilting goes, she is not sure when or how she first got interested - one of those crafts she had to try - once she started, she is now interested in making anything and everything that catches her eye or that she can imagine. Her style and likes are all over the place and she works on way too many projects at once. In particular, she loves the work of Anne Woringer for her earthiness, Margaret Sampson George for her Whimsy, Kaffe Fassett and Tula Pink for their wonderful fabrics. Making the prairie point quilts was one of those things that caught her eye, and we were thrilled that she taught us at the September Schoolhouse.

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Energy, Calm, Color, Creativity (continued)

"Put Some Beauty Out into The World; It Needs That!"



Amy Parker will share her quilting history and talk about her longarming business. Pretty quilts will be seen! Amy owns the Evanston Quilt Company. She has been quilting for forty years.

Evanston Quilt company started in 2015 when her fascination with all things quilty exceeded her attraction to a long commute and a regular paycheck. She loves dogs, gardening, and quilting. She especially loves being back in Evanston after so many years away. "Quilting in Evanston!! My passion! I do the decorative stitching that holds the layers of a quilt together." She says, "I DON'T make quilts for customers anymore. I'm too busy putting beautiful stitching on other people's quilts!"

Amy works on a Gammill Statler Stitcher, computerized for precision and beauty. She has a huge range of digital patterns to suit every quilt and every style preference.

Amy has quilted several IQI raffle quilts including the exceptional "Bodacious Blooms", the 2023 Fine Art of Fiber Quilt.

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Starting in October, our accommodation of our guild meetings via Zoom will continue. Remember, this is not an actual presentation of the speaker. Usually, the live speaker presents, and I will capture it with a new camera designed to broadcast via Zoom. It's not going to be a perfect accommodation. But we hope it allows folks at home to get a sense of the meeting, speaker presentation and a glimpse of the Show & Tell.

Going forward, all those watching the meeting by Zoom will need to stop the video of their device. Or we will turn it off. It's very distracting for the live people to see you at home doing things. You can turn the camera on at the end to say goodbye if you wish. This won't affect your ability to see the meeting. I'm trying to improve the sound quality in October.



Martha Ross-Mockaitis & Barb Cushing
IQI AV Team

THE FINE ART OF FIBER

Fine Art of Fiber: from 10 am to 5 pm, November 3-5 in the Regenstein Center of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Acceptance emails for submissions to the exhibit for this year's Fine Art of Fiber are being sent out beginning September 21. The Committee was able to hang all 200 submissions received by the "Hang Meeting" date of September 17. If you have not received an acceptance email with instructions by the October guild meeting and believe that you should have, please contact me (ncflores52@gmail.com).



Acceptance in the show requires that you volunteer for one 2 ½ hour session (two sessions, if you are selling a piece). Volunteers may select from several options: set-up on Thursday, white glove (walk through the exhibit talking to guests about individual pieces), Silent Auction (assist at the Silent Auction as directed), IQI raffle table (sell raffle tickets), IQI Education table, take-down (Sunday after 5 pm). Set-up on Thursday, November 2 counts as 2 volunteer sessions, but volunteers are required to work from 9AM-finish with time off for lunch. Thursday volunteers will be permitted to shop the Early Bird opening in the Boutique Thursday afternoon around 3PM. Any IQI Education table session also counts toward the volunteer requirement.

Please wear your Guild name badge when volunteering.

The SignUp Genius website will be open for volunteer signups by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6. We will send an email with instructions when the app is open for FAOF. If you have a question about using the app or need assistance, please contact Linda Norby (linda.norby@gmail.com) AFTER October 6. We welcome your participation as a volunteer even if you do not have any work in the show.

(Volunteer sessions in the Boutique are SEPARATE from the exhibit process, and are assigned by Ronna Leibach.)

Volunteers get free parking and entry to the Botanic Garden—just tell the gate attendants that you are working the Fine Art of Fiber. There are no passes needed. There is no special handicapped parking available behind Regenstein Center but there are a number of handicapped spaces in Parking Lot 1 adjacent to the new Garden entryway.

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THE FINE ART OF FIBER

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Although IQI is directing its handmade items primarily toward its Boutique table, the Silent Auction welcomes any submissions from the Guild. 90% of sales from the Silent Auction goes to the donor's guild(s), so the Silent Auction remains an important way to support IQI. The Silent Auction takes not only handmade items, but also items such as fine "coffee table" quality books on fiber related topics, ethnic textiles, vintage fabric, and hand-dyed yardage. Please complete a Silent Auction form available at fineartoffiber.org (under Forms on the home page) for all submissions and bring them to the FAOF table at the October meeting.

We will still have show postcards available for you to share with your friends and put around the community at the October meeting. An electronic version of the postcard is also available under "Forms" at fineartoffiber.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the show—

Your FAOF representatives: Edrene Heiss, Sue Sweeney, Barbara Peterson, Chris Deering and Nona Flores

Education Tables Return to the FAOF

FAOF, in the past few years, in an abundance of caution, opened up the viewing spaces and removed the Education Tables. This year IQI and NSNG will have education tables near the raffle tables. Ours will have samples representing various styles, techniques and applications of quilting. Members will sign up for two and a half hour shifts to sit at our table, greeting inquiring visitors. You can sit and sew on your own work. A sewing machine will be available for your use in case you are not up for some handwork. Meanwhile, you will answer questions and share your enthusiasm for patchwork, applique and quilting.

Please sign up for a shift at our education table, using the FAOF Sign-up Genius. You can have fun and be productive on your own work.

Questions: Please contact Cathy Baker or Patti Carrington using your directory or info@illinoisquilters.com



SERVICE / FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Have you ever been to a Service Sew day? We laugh, we tell stories, we share lunch, and yes, we sew. This year we are meeting monthly on Wednesdays. If you can't make it in person, we encourage you to work on projects and bring them to a meeting or contact me and I will arrange for a pickup. We can also provide batting and fabric for you to use. Our current goal is 25 baby quilts by the November meeting. The quilts are going to the [Simpson Academy for Young Women](#). The school serves 6th – 12th grade pregnant and parenting students. In November we will be focusing on fidget mats for Alzheimer patients. We are always looking for quilts that need a home and homes that need a quilt. If you know of an organization or project that could use our skills, please help us make the connection. Please feel free to stop by the Service table at the October membership meeting, say hello, and ask questions.

Scheduled days: Oct 18, Nov 15, No December date, Jan 17, 2024, Feb 21, March 20, April 17, May 15

Time: 9:30 - 4

New location: Immanuel Lutheran Church

1850 Chestnut Ave

Glenview, IL. 60025

We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall in the church basement. Please enter the building from the west side parking lot as the elevator is on that side. There are also 5 stairs to the new location if you don't use the elevator.

Donations welcome: fabric (1+ yardage), batting, thread, interesting textured items for fidget mats.

Baby quilt sizes: 30x40, 40x40, a little bigger is fine.

Jan Skilbeck

IQI LIBRARY NEWS

The IQI Library will be available for browsing and check-out at the October meeting. We have some new books and tools/templates that will be showcased in our "New Book" section. Find books for your holiday quilting that you can use for inspiration.

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. We are still in the planning stages for our new "Tools from Members" service. More to come later.

Hope to see you at the October meeting!

Linda Feinberg

Barbara Feinberg

library@illinoisquilters.com

IQI's Fall Retreat was Great Fun!



We enjoyed the intimacy of our small group. The weekend offered time to sew together, chat, laugh and relax for delicious meals and long conversations in the dining room.

Tiana Henika joined us again from Wisconsin. Her tutorial for making Tiny, Boxy Pouches was a huge success, as you can see in the picture. Not only are these cute and useful, but they are also quick, easy and fun to make.

Sign up soon for January's Quilt-In. You're sure to have a great time.

Patti Carrington

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

It is not too late to renew your membership for the 2023-2024 IQI season. Both Deborah and Rachel will be at the October 5th meeting, and will be accepting applications for membership. The annual membership fee is \$60.00 for new and renewing members. At the same time, you may also purchase your raffle tickets for "Bodacious Blooms" for an additional \$25.00. As IQI is a volunteer organization, we rely on each member's participation. On the application form, check all the ways you would most like to volunteer.

Rachel Sychowski and Deborah Himelhoch, Membership Co-Chairs

IQI'S MARKETPLACE

Thanks to the Estate of Jim Pilarski, IQI will have a sales table at each meeting this year. Bring some cash or your checkbook. Take advantage of these beautiful fabrics for \$3 a yard and bargains on quilting tools.



2023—2024 WORKSHOP CALENDAR

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!

IQI Board Members

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Challenge Quilt: Linda Howard

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

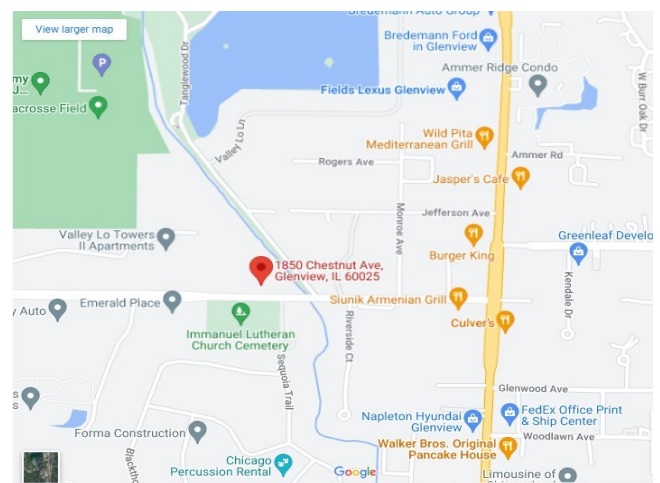
Now through Oct 15, Bonnie Peterson exhibit at the Peggy Notebaert Museum. For more information: <https://naturemuseum.org/explore/exhibits/natural-consequences/>

October 7-8, 2023. "Welcome Home to Quilting" [Heritage Quilters of Crown Point, IN.](#)

October 20-21, 2023 - 9am to 5pm: Quilts from the Village XVIII. [Village Quilters of Lake Bluff/Lake Forest](#), College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL.



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



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Glenview
1850 Chestnut Avenue (just West of Waukegan Rd.)



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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 work-shop you are at-tending
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 suf-ficient 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 suf-ficient supplies	Supplies TBD	
Friday 10am to 1pm 4/5/2024	Allie McCatheren: Foundation Paper Piec-ing	\$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	13

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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.

Registration Form

IQI's Annual Winter Quilt-In

Jan. 26-28, 2024, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon

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 work table, but cutting and ironing stations are shared.

In a mini workshop on Saturday, Marsha Gordon will demonstrate a fun, easy block using a stitch-and-flip method. Perfect for a scrappy quilt lover and a real stash buster. Also Saturday, Quilters' Chair Stretches, led by Cynthia Karabush, will give attendees a short, refreshing break from sewing. In addition, a Fat Quarter Swap will provide just the right touch for a bit of socializing.

Registration fees are \$295 (double occupancy, shared room) or \$395 (single occupancy). Return your registration form with a \$145 deposit to hold your spot. The balance is due on Dec. 15, 2023.

Name _____ Today's date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Circle your preference: 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 a \$145 deposit or a full payment (please circle):

Cash.

Check.

Zelle.

Deposit, \$145.

Or full amount, \$295 (double) or \$395 (single).

If using a check, make it payable to "Illinois Quilters, Inc."

Mail or email this registration form to Jan Aaron, 400 E. Randolph St., Apt. 1425, Chicago, IL 60601. Checks should also be mailed to Jan.

Your Quilt-in Committee is happy to answer any of your questions:

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