



# Sinnissippi Quilters Inc

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## APRIL, 2017 MAY, 2017

Sinnissippi Quilters meet on the first Thursday of each month (unless announced otherwise) at Bethesda Covenant Church, 2101 E. State Street, Rockford, IL.

Afternoon Meeting: 1:00 pm  
Evening Meeting: 7:00 pm

Each meeting has a scheduled program followed by a business session. We invite quilters of all skill levels and their guests to attend. The guest fee is \$10.00

### INFORMATION

Upcoming Guild Meetings:  
**Thursday, April 6, 2017**  
**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

Please join us for dinner at 5:00 pm with the speaker before the evening meeting. We meet at the Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles St. Rockford, IL

Don't forget to bring the following:  
\*Show & Tell items  
\*Your Nametag  
\*Special Projects items  
\*Your Coffee Mug

Newsletter Articles for the June/July 2017 newsletter are due by May 15th for distribution by the end of March. Please make submissions to:  
Anne Biedowicz  
4203 Lisa Drive  
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Quilters,

Spring has sprung early this year as we see the crocus and tulips coming up and robins have arrived! Our quilt show is only a month away and for it to be a success everyone needs to participate on some way. These are the shifts that still have openings:

Friday:  
Saturday morning:  
Saturday afternoon:  
Sunday morning:  
Sunday afternoon:  
Sunday after 4 pm:  
Please contact Colleen Magee at 815-394-1521 or at [cmagee1925@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmagee1925@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer for a position. You will also have an opportunity to sign up at the April meeting on 4/6.

Special thanks to Rose Bohn and her crew for the March Neonatal Sew-in. Over 35 finished quilts were turned in the day of the sew-in and I am sure we have a lot more unfinished ones to complete. Thanks to everyone for sewing!

Lastly, please thoughtfully consider what you can do as a volunteer for our Guild. Ann Brown, Vice-President needs volunteers to keep our organization running. We need willing members with fresh new ideas!! Please consider volunteering!

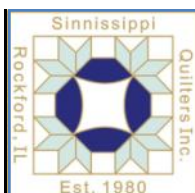
Happy Spring!  
Vicki

### Quick Calendar

<b>April 6th</b>	Round Robin - Finishing Your Quilt for Show and Judging" Morning Mini-group—Mug Rug Work Shop <b>Registration of Quilts for the Quilt Show are due</b> <b>Cheap Trick Challenge quilts are due</b>
May 4th	TBA

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**30 Year Pins Available:** Barb Lange presented a design for a 30-year pin at the July, 2010 meeting. The design includes the “Hands All Around” block and commemorates our 30th anniversary in 2009/2010. Pins are available for \$5 from Special Projects.

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc. shall be to educate the community and ourselves on all aspects of quilting, to preserve and appreciate our quilting heritage and traditions, and to use our sewing gifts to benefit other community organizations.



Find this box on the Sinnissippi Quilters website, [www.sinnissippiquilters.org](http://www.sinnissippiquilters.org). When you enter your email address and click Subscribe, you will be notified when new items are added to the website and when the newsletter is added! Please let Cindy Larsen know if you have problems receiving the newsletter from the web site.

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## Upcoming Programs and Workshops

April 6th	Program will be a round robin forum entitled "Finishing your Quilt for Show and Judging" . Morning Mini-group—Mug Rug Work Shop
May 4th	TBA

### COMFORT QUILTS

The North Star Mini Group is now working with the Comfort quilts project. Comfort quilts are given to members of our guild who have lost a close family member; someone who is going through cancer or other severe medical situation; or someone who had extraordinary difficulties in their life. We are trying to keep ahead of the need, so a quilt will be ready when needed. If you would like to help with this project, make a 12 1/2" block. Use any design or color you like, sign the block and bring it to the next Guild meeting. We will have a basket available for the completed blocks. If you know of a guild member who needs a comfort quilt, please contact Jan Person, Marilyn Dreger, Ying Chi or any board member. Thank you to everyone who has donated blocks and finishing supplies in the past.

### DONATIONS TO THE GUILD

During the year, Sinnissippi Quilters periodically receives donations of both money and quilting-related goods. I am the person who has volunteered to compose the official letters that the givers receive acknowledging their donations. I need your help because the Internal Revenue Service has some specific requirements and guidelines that charities such as ours need to follow.

If you are the person who receives a donation to the guild, the following is information that we need:

- Donor's name
- Donor's mailing address
- Donor's contact information (either phone or email)
- What exactly they gave (dollar amount or a fairly good description of goods)
- The date of the donation

As an example of a description of goods, you might say "12 yards quilting fabric". No need to be more specific than that. Estimate quantities wherever possible.

Some people may indicate that they do not need a donation letter. That's OK – we then don't have to send one. For anyone to include the donation on their income taxes, they need to have that letter from us. With the exception of gifts of money, the responsibility for valuing their donation rests with the giver not the guild.

I have a form that I will have Cindy post to the website for you to use.

If anyone has questions about this, please contact me directly and I'll be happy to help. Thanks.

Robin Gausebeck



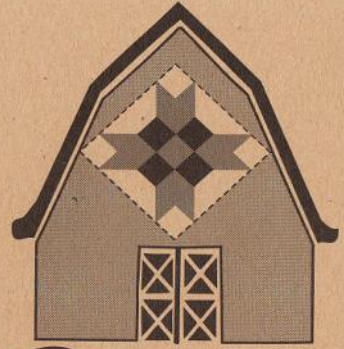
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## Miscellany

### 2017 BITS 'N PIECES QUILT SHOW

The quilt show committee had a meeting last night and we are all concerned about the lack of registrations for the show. Currently, Robin and Karen have about 50 registrations and the deadline for registrations is only a couple of weeks away (April 6th). We need more quilts registered for our show!! If every member put two quilts in the show, we would have a wonderful and exciting show! Please get your registrations in at the earliest convenience! It is a lot of work to get the data all prepped. This show provides the funds we need for our activities for the next two years.

So, if you haven't picked out quilts for the show yet, please reconsider and get them entered! We especially need quilts to be judged. Thank you for all that you do and for entering your quilts!

Marie Tovo  
Quilt Show Chair

### STOCKING FOR SOLDIERS

How can you help now? There are several ways you can help as we work toward the fall and shipping time.

- Collect boxes for shipping (paper boxes that reams of paper come in or that similar size)
- Turn in your old Christmas cards
- Cut, trace stockings in the convenience of your home
- People needed to move filled boxes to the Post Office
- Find schools that will write letters to soldiers
- Someone to work on mailing addresses to soldiers

Just a reminder of upcoming tentative dates:

- Cut stockings at SPAM workshops and Thursday morning workshops (not scheduled yet)
- Packing days October 5 and November 2(am workshop of guild meeting day)



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## Mini-Morning Workshops

### Mini-Morning Workshop

Everyone is invited to join us before the guild meetings. The workshop starts at 9:30am through 11:30am. You can join the group that goes to DiTillo's, across the parking lot, for lunch or bring your lunch and join the group at the church.

If anyone has a suggestion for a project or would like to lead a project please contact Jan Person.

April 6 **"I love quilting" Mug Rug finished size 9"x6 1/2"**  
Supply List

Fabric needed:

1 fat eighth for background	8" x 8" scrap for lettering
1 fat eighth for heart, 4 patches, and binding	11" x 8" piece of fabric for backing
2"x 10" scrap for 4 patches	11" x 8" piece of batting
2" x 14" scrap for star points	8" x 8" piece of paper-backed fusible webbing

Matching thread for piecing; appliqué and quilting Also needed are your sewing machine, scissors for cutting out letters, and sewing kit. Cutting instructions:

- From background fabric: Cut 1 – 6 1/2 "x 5" rectangle  
Cut 4- 1 1/2 "x 2 1/2 "rectangles for flying geese units  
Cut 4 – 1 1/2 "squares for star corners
- From the focus fabric: Cut 2 – 2 1/2 " x 20" strips for binding  
Cut 6 – 1 1/2 "squares for the 4 patch
- From the scraps: Cut 6 – 1 1/2" squares for the 4 patch  
Cut 8 - 1 1/2" squares for the star points

May 4 **In May we will be working on "Spring Fling" Table Runner, size 18"x 45"**

Supple list: Sewing machine, sewing supplies, rotary cutter, ruler.

Fabric list: 1/2 yard for inner border and binding; 1/2 yard for background; 1/2 yard for center panel and flowers; a fat 1/8 (9"x12")for flower centers; 1 3/8 yard for backing.

Sample will be shown at the April meetings.

## Special Projects and More

April 22 Learning how to make a mug rug, so please invite a quilting friend. Contact either Barb Lange or Pam Surmo for further information.



## Guild and Mini Group News

**Handwork Mini Group (Daytime)** meets the third Thursday of the month from 1-3pm. New members are welcome. All types of handwork welcome: knitting, crochet, embroidery, piecing, cross stitch etc. The purpose of the group is to make new friends and encourage each other. Contact Toni Wallen for location and date. This group meets at different members homes. Please contact them for more details.

**Art Mini Group** –Contact Elizabeth A. Franck or Debbie Van Dusen. We will be creating different series of (small) art quilts using the Elements and Principles of Design as guidelines. We meet on Monday from 1-4:30 PM at the Cherry Valley Library.

### 2016/2017 Standing Committee Chairs

AQS Books, etc	Judy Mullen	Show/Tell (A)	Ruth Perley
Comfort Quilts	Jan Person	Show/ Tell (E)	Judy Andres
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Publicity	Sam Bergstrom	Stockings for Soldiers	Zeta Proskacil
Retreats	Monica Kelso, Marie Tovo	Sunshine	Dee Pitthan
Rockford Rescue Mission	Carol Swenson	Technology Officer	Robin Gausebeck

#### Save the Date:

**Saturday, April 8, from 10 AM to 5 PM.**  
 Sale & display of quilts and quilt related items  
 by Patricia Little  
 Desoto House  
 230 Main Street  
 Galena, IL.

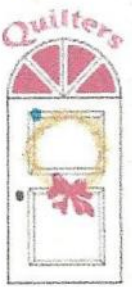


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## Guild Meeting Notes

### February 2, 2017

**Raffle Tickets:** Members were reminded to pick up their raffle tickets to sell and turn in medallions if completed. The raffle quilt will be taken to several area quilt guild meetings. Volunteers are needed to take the quilt to these meetings.

**Program:** Lynn Schmitt presented a program on "A Different Kind of Crayons" using various fabrics such as wool, silk, home décor, cotton and batiks on pieced and appliquéd quilts. A workshop creating a seasonal appliquéd project will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking Account balance is \$1,903.70 and the money market account balance is \$10,018.08.

**Quilt Show:** It was reported that the next meeting will be on February 13, 2017. Sign-up sheets for working are available for members. Items for the boutique and the silent auction are now being accepted. Barb Clucas notified the membership that she will need volunteers to price the boutique items in March or April. All registration forms for the quilt show are due at the April 6th meeting.

**Quilt Show Challenge:** Three completed quilts were shown and the membership was reminded that the challenge quilts will be due by April 6th, 2017.

**Membership:** A mixer activity prior to the meeting was well received.

**Special Project:** March will be the neo-natal sew-in. Laura O'Connell was thanked for researching a new neo-natal label for the quilts. The executive board approved the purchase of 500 labels. Cecilla Mann was thanked for securing a \$250 grant from Thrivent to sponsor the neo-natal sew-in day. The money will be used to purchase batting and fabric.

**Publications:** Newsletter items are due by March 15th for the April/ May newsletter.

**Programs:** Two workshops will be given by Toby Lischko in July. April's meeting will be a round robin forum entitled "Finishing Your Quilt for Show and Judging".

**SPAM:** The next workshop would be February 18th and the project will be a clutch purse.

**Stocking for Soldiers:** The stockings for this year will be slightly bigger. \$1,400.00 remains from the donations received. In March, a sign-up sheet will be available for members to choose from the various activities needed throughout the year.

**Morning Workshop:** It was reported that there is no workshop in March, due to the sew-in and that members can make a mug rug at the April workshop.

**Miscellaneous:** Judy Mullen is taking orders for **American Quilters Catalog and Fons and Porter subscriptions:** Anne Brown will be heading a **Nominating Committee** and needs 2 more people to serve. Monica Kelso informed members of the **April 7th bus trip to the International Quilt Expo.** A motion was passed to get a booth at the **Madison Quilt Expo.** Members were informed of the passing of **Peggy Blair.** The guild will not sell **sweater mittens** for personal use to members. If a guild member would like to make them, Jane Erickson can help them find the info online.

### March 2, 2017

**Quilt Show:** Next committee meeting is March 13th at Marie Tovo's home at 7:00 p.m. Members were reminded to pick up their raffle tickets to sell. The raffle quilt will be taken to several area quilt guild meetings. Items for the boutique and silent auction are due today. All registration forms for the quilt show are due by April 6th. Ad space is still available for the booklet. The raffle quilt will be on display for the next two weeks at the Cherry Valley Library. 5,000 bookmarks have been distributed. It was requested that members distribute the remaining 4,000. An e-mail blast has been sent to area quilt shops and guilds. A press release is available for members to give to any local organization's newsletter in hopes of getting the information out about the quilt show to a wider audience.

**Quilt Show Challenge:** The membership was reminded that the challenge quilts are due by April 6, 2017.

**Program:** The Guild held its annual Neo Natal sew-in. Members sewed from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Rose Bohn thanked all participants in today's event. Approximately 35 quilts were completed. A Thank-you letter was shared from the SwedishAmerican Hospital Manager. It was announced that the Guild received a donation of \$250.00 from Thrivent. Two, 90 yd. rolls of batting were accrued for the Neo Natal program with this money.

**Treasurer:** Checking account balance is \$1,815.05 and money market account balance is \$10,018.76.

**Programs:** April's meeting will be a round robin entitled "Finishing Your Quilt for Show and Judging". It was announced that the Guild received a donation of \$250.00 from Thrivent. Two, 90 yd. rolls of batting were accrued for the Neo Natal program with this money.

**Publications:** Next deadline for newsletters items is May 15th for the June/July newsletter.

**SPAM:** The next workshop is scheduled for March 18th. The members will be finishing their neo-natal quilts. April 22nd will have a lesson on making a mug rug. Pam and Barb will not be leading SPAM will not be carry on with this program after July. Unless another member or two would like to carry on this program there is a possibility that this program may be suspended. More info to come in next months meeting..

**Stocking for Soldiers:** Information was shared that the Guild received a connection for more names and addresses to send stockings to next year; which will be followed up on. Various activities, such as marking, cutting and sewing will be available for members in the coming months.

**Miscellaneous:** The **Morning Mini-group** will be working on mug rugs at the April meeting. **American Quilters and Fons and Porter magazine** subscriptions are being taken by Judy Mullen. The April 7th bus trip to **Chicago International Quilt Expo** will be leaving at 7:30 am and return at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$40.00 which included the bus fare, ticket to the expo and a bottle of water. The **sweater mittens** have been distributed for this year. At this time there are additional mittens which may be available for purchase at the quilt show. Correspondence was received regarding a bus trip to the **Missouri Star Quilt Company** by a guild in Huntley, IL. Registration forms were available for members to take. Membership was thanked for the donation of quilt blocks to **Comfort Quilts.** If you have any 12 1/2 inch square blocks that you would like to donate, please contact Jan Person



## Miscellany and More

### Quilt Show May 6 and 7, 2017



Quilters, we are in desperate need of volunteers to sign up for positions at the quilt show. There are a total of 274 volunteer positions available over the 5 days from of the show. We have about 200 members. If everyone signed up for 1-2 positions we would have everything covered. We have several "sit-down" positions for those of you who aren't able to stand for a long time. Most shifts are for 2 hours. Volunteering at the Quilt Show is fun and you get in to the show for free on the day you work. If you work Wed, Thurs, or Fri you can get in free on the day of your choice. The income from the show makes up 50% of our budget, so it's important that we all do our part to make this show a success, plus it's lots of fun. Please call or email me with your choice. Thanks much, Colleen Magee, 815-394-1521, [cmagee1925@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmagee1925@sbcglobal.net)

### Newsletter Release

**May 6 and 7 – Bits 'N Pieces Quilt Show of Rockford's Sinnissippi Quilt Guild at Sportscore II.** Listen to a Bedturning – see and hear the story of locally made quilts. View our quilters' ode to **Cheap Trick**, the traveling exhibit of quilts honoring our **National Parks** and 300 other dazzling quilts. Browse the vendor booths and our Boutique. Bid on silent auction items or buy quilts that are "For Sale".

Proceeds will support SQG 's community projects for RMH and Swede's neo-natal units, Christmas Stockings for IL soldiers, quilts for the Rockford Rescue Mission and raffle quilts to local charity's fund drives.

[www.sinnissippiquilters.org](http://www.sinnissippiquilters.org) for more details.

### Paducah AQS Show

Congratulations to the 35 members who made the raffle quilt - you have a quilt hanging in the Paducah AQS show, April 26-29!!!!!!

Karen Grover and Barb Clucas also have quilts juried into Paducah this year. CONGRATULATIONS! Anyone else?

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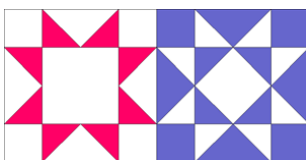
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Please fill out this form and give it to Cecilia Mann along with your payment. Full day workshops are 9:30-4:00, locations to be determined, at a cost of \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. Half day workshops are 9:30 to 2:30 at a cost of \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Any questions please contact Cecilia . Please list the workshop for which you are signing up. Any kit fees noted for a speaker are paid directly to the teacher.

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# Bed Turning Information Sheet

Please return completed sheet to:

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Or bring to guild meeting by evening of May 4, 2017.

Quilts need to be dropped off at quilt show Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> by noon in a bag.  
If you cannot do this please e-mail me to make arrangements. Include label with your name and phone number on back of quilt (this may be pinned on).

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Quilt \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of quilt:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

History of Quilt:

Quilter(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of quilting: \_\_\_\_\_

Origin of quilt: \_\_\_\_\_

What makes this quilt Special to you:

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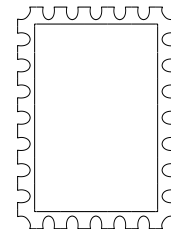
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16 Cindy Gackstetter	17	18	19	20 Kathy O'Brien	21	22 Jacqueline Charles/ Pam Collings
23 Janice Albeck	24 Barbara Clucas	25 Robin Gausebeck	26	27	28	29 Becki Dennis/ Betty Eckman- Rottman
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Linda Cleary Janice Zingler	2 Vickie Brace Diane Disch Susan Williams Sheeley Johnson	3 Elizabeth Frank	4 Gail Hutchins	5 Lillian Imasuen	6
7 Christine Kramer	8 Dini Ramlow	9	10 Janet Stull Snow	11	12 Katie Boughton	13
14	15 Norma Lee Kens Barnhart	17	18	19 Sue Bauscher Cindy Roman	20	21 Ethel Devine Laura O'Connell
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