



# Sinnissippi Quilters Inc

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## JUNE, 2017 JULY, 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, June 1, 2017**  
**Thursday, July 6, 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  
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Newsletter Articles for the Aug./Sept. 2017 newsletter are due by July 15th for distribution by the end of March.

Please make submissions to:  
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Quilters,

As my time on the board winds down, I would like to say thank you for allowing me to serve as V. President/President to such a wonderful organization. We have had a year of superb speakers! Thank you Cecilia! Also for a great neonatal sew-in and Stockings for Soldiers sew-in. My thanks to Rose, Judy and Zeta! Most importantly are the members that support these events. Without you, we could not continue to do these!

Wow- what can I say about another spectacular quilt show! The National Park Centennial Celebration, the Hoffmann Challenge, the Homage to Cheap Trick and the Bits and Pieces Challenge were absolutely an outstanding part of the show. Thanks to Marie and her quilt show crew and all the volunteers that made the show come alive! The quality of the show continues to improve year after year. Congratulations to all the ribbon winners The last two years have been a fast ride. As we look to the upcoming year, the board is working on a way to bring new quilters into the organization.

As the new board tries to do this, I would encourage all of you to volunteer your sewing skills to help us do this. More to come.....

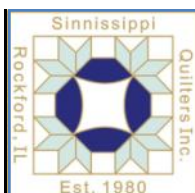
Happy Quilting, Vicki

### Quick Calendar

June 1st	Pat Hamilton - Power Point Presentation on Hawaiian Quilting Annual Meeting
July 6th	Toby Lischo – EQ Presentation - Afternoon Miniature Quilts - Evening
July 7th	All Day Workshop - Mojito Quilt
July 8th	EQ 7 Presentation

## 2016/2017 Sinnissippi Quilters Board

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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.



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## Upcoming Programs and Workshops

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### 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 situations; or someone who has 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.

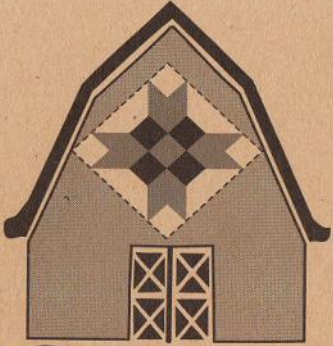


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I have come to realize the value of friendship. Through the last few years I have been leaning (hard) on many of my friends, without knowing at the time, what strength it gave me. For this I am grateful . They have gotten me through some difficult times. I have a long way to go but I know it will be easier with friendship.

My guild sisters have been amazing. Their hugs and cards were overwhelming. The responses for help with the nursing home activities were heartwarming. Thank You. Thank You All.

Barb Lange

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## 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
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- Packing days October 5 and November 2(am workshop of guild meeting day)



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	<p><b>Mini-Morning Workshop</b>          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.</p> <p>If anyone has a suggestion for a project or would like to lead a project please contact Jan Person.</p>
<b>June 1st</b>	We will be working on "Pineapple Star" table topper, size 27"x27". This will be a great project to use up one of charm packs that you have collected.

## Special Projects and More (SPAM)

<b>June 17</b>	Come join us at the Cherry Valley Library from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm to learn the Basket Case Quilt Pattern. This pattern requires two strips of print fabric and one strip background to product two quilt blocks.
<b>July 15</b>	For our farewell project we will be working on a wonderful potholder pattern. Come and be amazed at the ease of this pattern.

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If interested or more questions, please contact Julie Kuhn (former owner of Julianne's Quilting in Roscoe, IL).  
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**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

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## Guild Meeting Notes

**April 6th, 2017**

**Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets should be turned in.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking Account and money market account balances were announced.

**Quilt Show:** It was announced that there were several positions still to fill for the upcoming show. Registration for the quilts in the show were due today. Many of the members will sell their quilts and an information guide on price and how that selling member can achieve that payment has been organized. Any firm price asking was to be in writing and if any discounts were to be made clear. A consignment fee of 20% was to be applied. Questions were to be addressed to Colleen McGee. Elizabeth Frank and Audrey Green still needed members for the demonstration table at the show. Amy Ottens announced there would be publicity of our show on the "Andy and Aaron" news shown on 5/3/2017 in the AM. Julie Cuccinelli had stickers available for the dates on the Quilt Show signs.

**Quilt Show Challenge:** It was noted that the challenge quilts deadline was today.

**Membership:** The ice breaker for the meeting was "What's under your needle?"

**Special Project:** It was announced around 60-70 members participated in the March Sew-in. 35 neonatal quilts were completed as well as 18 additional quilts were turned in. 16 quilts were delivered to Swedish American Hospital. Some guild members have taken home quilts to sew on bindings.

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

**Programs:** This months program was a "Round Robin" with members showing the guild ideas on how to finish off your quilt and what it is that judges look for in a quilt. Every 15 minutes groups of members rotated to another table where demonstrators showed off their skills. Dee Pitthan provided ideas on how to quilt in different areas; Barb Clucas advised members on how she binds her quilts and Robin Gausebeck showed members her technique of couch bindings. The program in May will be a hand work sew in with members bringing in their own handwork as well as chatting, showing each other different techniques. June will feature Pat Hamilton with some Hawaiian Quilting. July will have Toby Lischko with QE7 workshop.

**SPAM:** On April 22 the group will be working on a mug rug at the Cherry Valley Library. Several tables will be available for members to cut out stockings for soldiers. There will be no SPAM activity in May.

**Stocking for Soldiers:** It was announced that many stocking still needed to be cut. Some members have already completed 500 stockings for next years shipment. Zeta Proskocil is still looking for names of soldiers stockings can be shipped to.

**Morning Workshop:** The mini workshop will be on May 4th and will be a "Spring Fling" table runner. The supply list will be listed in the newsletter.

**Miscellaneous:** Judy Mullen is taking orders for **American Quilters Catalog and Fons and Porter subscriptions:** Anne Brown addressed members regarding several **Executive Board positions** still being open on the board for the 2017/18 term. The **Rosemont Quilt Show bus** will be leaving at 8:30 am from the Target on State Street and will return at 6:30 pm. The guild has a **new storage space** which will be donated by Laura Hunt as her family owns H & H Storage in Poplar Grove. At the May meeting **next years budget** will be presented as well as the **new board members**.

**May 4th 2017**

**Raffle Tickets:** It was reported that there is a profit of over \$2,700 from the sale of tickets. All tickets need to be turned in by 2:00 pm on Sunday at the quilt show. The raffle quilt was shown at the Paducah show; however, it did not win a ribbon.

**2017-2018 Executive Board Presentation:** Mary Cook presented the roster of nominees for next year's executive board. Several positions were still vacant including vice-president, membership II (afternoon and evening) and quilt show chair for the 2021 quilt show.

**Quilt Show:** Colleen Magee requested that volunteers check in at the quilt sales booth. Members can bring their quilts to the show on Friday between 7:30-10:00. It was recommended that volunteers leave their pursues in the car as there is no secure area available to members.

**Special Project:** Rose Bohn reported that fabric for baby quilts is available. Sam Bergstrom announced that 7 "Welcome Home" wall hangings have been requested again from Habitat for Humanity. These will be due by the end of August. Please let Sam know if you are planning to create one.

**Treasurer:** Checking account and money market account balances were announced. The Treasurer presented the 2017-2018 proposed budget. Colleen Magee inquired about increasing the programming budget. A discussion occurred. Amy Ottens and Cecilia Mann reported how the programming monies have been spent in the last two years. Amy stated that she did not ask for an increase in the budget but may ask for an increase next year if the workshops are not filled. Anne Brown will bring the concern to the executive board on May 25th and then report back to the membership.

**Programs:** There was not a May speaker due to the quilt show was that following weekend. Members worked on hand sewing projects and socialized. The June speaker will be Pat Hamilton. Amy Ottens reviewed the programs for the 2017-2017 year.

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

**SPAM:** There will be no activities for May.

## Guild Meeting Notes—Continued

**Miscellaneous:** The **Morning Mini-group** will be working on quilts tops for the Rockford Rescue Mission on June 1st. **American Quilters** and **Fons and Porter magazine** subscriptions are being taken by Judy Mullen. If you have any 12 1/2 inch square blocks that you would like to donate to **Comfort Quilts**, please contact Jan Person. Anne Brown reported that she is looking for members who wish to serve on the **standing committee** positions of Hospitality (afternoon), Library (evening), Publicity, Comfort Quilts, and Show and Tell (evening). The membership was informed that several guild members have volunteered to put together a **survey** for the membership to complete in June for the executive board to gain input as to how to enhance the monthly meetings as well as ideas to increase membership. Cindy Larsen requested that members check their spam box and/or junk mail if they have not received the latest **e-mails from the guild**. Carrie Johnson, a **Rockford Art Museum Representative** has requested volunteers for help in creating a quilted fort for a June 9th exhibition. Barb Lange reported that she and Pam Surmo will no longer be heading the **SPAM** activities for the following year. It was suggested that SPAM meet every other, once a quarter or whatever the members in charge choose to do. Cherry Valley Library can be used but needs to be reserved ahead of time. Amy Ottens informed the membership of the **Reagan Trail Quilt network meeting** on Saturday, April 29th; if any members are interested in joining her. Jane Erickson reported that she had received **thank-you notes** from Youth Services Network and the New Millennium Faith church for the mittens that were donated. Anne Brown reminded members that the May meeting will include the presentation of **next year's budget** as well as **new board members**.

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### 2017 Raffle Quilt

Congratulations to Tammy Wallace of Durand as the winner of this years raffle quilt. She drove to the show to pick it up after being out of town for the day, so we got to meet her. We were successful in selling out all of the tickets we had at the show. If you still have some tickets in your possession, please destroy them. We were very pleased with the monetary results of this project. We were also excited to be able to see the quilt hanging in Paducah. At the June meeting, we will award a certificate for next years membership to the person who sold the most tickets, give away the 'leftover' bundle to one of our members who sold tickets, and share the judges comments with you. Thank you so much to all who participated in any way, it was a very successful project.

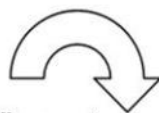
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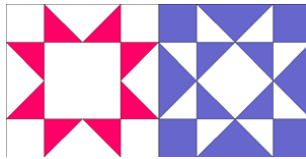
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I am a: New Member\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member\_\_\_\_ I will attend in the Afternoon\_\_\_\_ Evening\_\_\_\_

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# APRIL 2017

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2	3 Lisa Fountain Glenda Riggins	4 Suzanne Swenson	5	6 Beverly Peterson/ Kathleen Thomas	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Luanne Hanna	14 Dixie Hosto Sharon Stevens	15
16 Cindy Gackstetter	17	18	19	20 Kathy O'Brien	21	22 Jacqueline Charles/ Pam Collings
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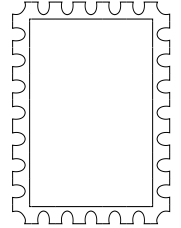
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7 Christine Kramer	8 Dini Ramlow	9	10 Janet Stull Snow	11	12 Katie Boughton	13
14	15 Norma Lee Kens Barnhart	17	18	19 Sue Bauscher Cindy Roman	20	21 Ethel Devine Laura O'Connell
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