



# Bits and Pieces Newsletter

Quilters Guild of Indianapolis

April 2022

## President's Message - OPPORTUNITY

I want to begin by taking this *opportunity* to thank the members of our guild for their generous participation in the "Pillowcase Challenge". So far I have received 103 finished pillowcases! It is fun to see the beautiful and fun fabrics used in them. I know more members have promised to bring 10 cases at the April and May meetings. I handed out 30 additional pillowcase kits at guild meetings in March. I plan to put together some pillowcase kits to bring to the retreat and to April meetings. The goal is to make one pillowcase for each member of our guild—a total of 238. So, until we reach that goal, I appreciate your continued support of this charity project.



As quilters we thrive on getting together with other quilters to participate in anything that involves fabric. Late in March I joined three quilters in traveling to seven area quilt shops as part of the Indiana Trails Shop Hop. It was a joy to meet quilters in the shops, to make purchases in support of the shops, and to take the *opportunity* to thank the shop owners for their advertising in our newsletter.

Two other gatherings - our Spring Retreat April 1-3, and the American Quilters Society Quilt Show in Paducah at the end of April offer more *opportunities* to enjoy time with fellow quilters.

(Note: The bus trip to Paducah organized by Dallas Reed has been canceled due to a significant price increase by the bus company and member cancellations.)

I encourage all members to take advantage of our guild meetings, workshops, and our quilting bees to join in the fun and fellowship. Wander around our website ([quiltguildindy.net](http://quiltguildindy.net)) for information on all of our activities. Of course this newsletter is a great source of information on what's happening in our guild too.



Stay Calm and Quilt On!

*Maureen*

Maureen Weflen  
2022 QGI President

# QGI Evening Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2022

By Jacqui Griswold, Secretary

## Hybrid meeting: In-person at Orchard Park church and via Zoom

Maureen Weflen, President, opened the meeting at 7:00pm. She welcomed everyone attending on-line via Zoom (46) and those in the room (36).

We sang happy birthday to the quilters born in March.

Sara Buchwald, Program Committee introduced our Guest lecturer (joining us via Zoom)

**Timna Tarr** Presented at Quilt Con 2021 and has online classes and workshops (TimnaTarr.com). In May, she will be presenting at a 5 day workshop, Stitched Mosaics, at [Marc Adams School of Woodworking](#), Franklin, IN. Her new book on "Mosaic Quilting" is available on Amazon.

Topic: What If's: working in a series

She shared examples of other artist who did serial projects. For example, Claude Monet's haystack series where he was exploring light and shadow. She showed pictures taken from a bridge at different times of day to illustrate how much difference light can change the landscape.

Why work in a series? 1) Focus your attention 2) Allows you to think big 3) Cohesive collection for an exhibit or publication 4) Repetition helps define nuances 5) Freedom from being perfect – can always adjust in the next piece 6) Allows for experimentation

This speaker ok'd recording her lecture. It can be found on the website:

<https://www.quiltguildindy.net/forum-1/zoom-meeting-recordings/timna-tarr-lecture>

### Announcements:

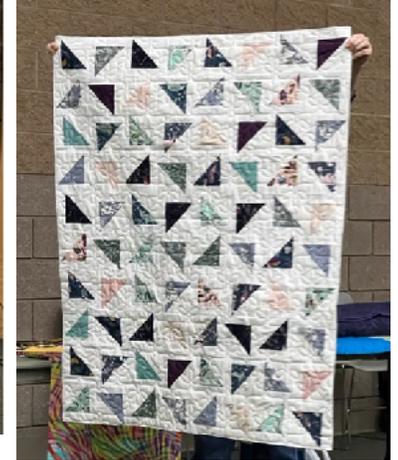
- Maureen Weflen (President) issued a challenge for the Guild to sew 200 pillowcases for charity by the end of March.
- Chris Hurley (2015 past president) has made an embroidered name tag for our Presidents each year and presented one to Maureen.
- Mary Strinka – Charity Quilts. The Guild donated 18 small quilts to the Trinity Free Clinic this month. These are used to give comfort to kids and some are used in their dental clinic for adults. The Modern Quilt Guild is meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> at Garfield Park Art Center to make Comfort Care Quilts.
- Nancy Trullinger (Quilt show Oct. 7 & 8)
  - Next planning meeting March 27<sup>th</sup> at New Joy church.
  - Opportunity quilts: One made by Tommy Dorato, Cathy Franks and Lori Gordon. This year we have a second made by Mary Strinka and Melissa Snyder.
- Sara Buckwald, programs, a summary of coming QGI evening meeting attractions:
  - **April 21\*** – Lea McComas "Making Faces"
  - May 12 – Karen Combs: Quilts of Illusion lecture Thursday plus you can sign up for a workshop on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, (you will need to pick up a kit from program chairs.)

\*Note change in date of QGI Evening Meeting for April - we will meet on the THIRD Thursday, April 21, due to conflicts at OPPC.

**Show & Tell** – of recently completed projects by those in-person and also from those on-line

Hospitality door prizes were divided between those in person and on-line (enter via website and notified winners pick up prizes at Quilts Plus in Lebanon)

## QGI Evening Meeting + Show and Tell, March 10, 2022





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## April 21, 2022 - Evening Meeting Speaker: Lea McComas, “Making Faces”

**NOTE: This is the 3rd Thursday in April!**

Lea’s portrait quilts have won international recognition. Discover the influences of history and culture that inspire her pictorial quilts. She will share information about principles of composition, the geometry of faces, and how value, color and temperature work together to create realistic pictorial quilts, as well as a brief overview of her techniques for fused applique and thread painting.



©2019, Lea McComas, *The Long Goodbye*,  
fabric and thread, 44 x 33 inches, \$5200  
*There is a gentle tenderness between two souls that  
have traveled life's journey together.*



©2017, Lea McComas, *Busy Signal*, fabric and  
thread, 28 x 36 inches, \$3150  
In a modern world where information is distilled to  
140 characters or less, the power of a single, non-  
verbal gesture remains a clear and efficient means of  
communicating.

## May 12, 2022 - Evening Meeting Speaker: Karen Combs

Karen Combs is an internationally known quilter, teacher, author and designer who has been nominated 3 times by students for *Quilt Teacher of the Year*. Teaching since 1989, she is in high demand as a teacher who encourages her students, makes learning fun and makes the complex easy to understand!

She is fascinated with optical illusions and quilts; this is the subject of many of her workshops. Karen is the author scores of magazine articles, quilt patterns and has written 9 quilting books, among them, *Optical Illusions for Quilters*, *Combing Through Your Scraps* and *Celtic Patchwork Illusions*. She has designed over 100 fabric collections, both quilting cotton and batiks and is known for her innovative designs. She currently designs for Banyan Batiks, a division of Northcott.



Karen has appeared on many quilting TV programs and has a Craftsy class, *New Directions in Tumbling blocks*. She has worked with Quilt Seminars at Sea for over a decade, teaching her quilting techniques and traveling the world.

Karen lives in the rolling hills of middle Tennessee with her husband, Rick and cute Shih Tzu named Benji. Her books, patterns and fabric available on her website at: [www.karencombs.com](http://www.karencombs.com) as well as her Etsy store: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/KarenCombsStudio>

## Karen Combs Meeting Lecture on May 12: Quilts of Illusion

Explore the world of optical illusions with Karen as she shows you some of the wonderful quilts that she has created and shares tricks and tips how to make them. This virtual lecture will be a combination of live presentation, slides, quilts and videos. It is a beautiful and inspiring trunk show. There will be time for questions after the lecture.

### Patchwork Illusions Workshop – Saturday, May 14, 2022

*Spots available! Find the Registration Form in this newsletter :)*

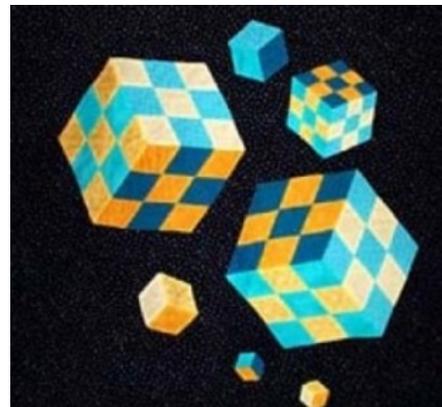
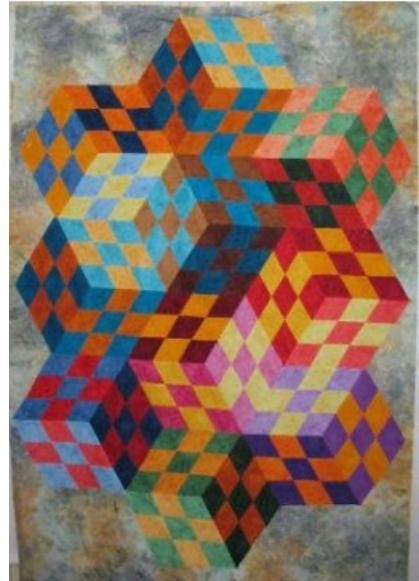
Visual depth has fascinated artists for centuries. Karen has developed a quick and easy rotary technique that allows you to make quilts with a 3-D look.

Frankly, this is Karen's favorite class because it is so easy to create truly amazing quilts of illusion. Let Karen share her secrets, so you may become a master of illusion!

You can see more examples from this class at The Quilter's Gallery on Karen's webpage at <https://www.karencombs.com/gallery.php?cat=2>

This workshop requires a kit fee of \$17.00. The kit includes handouts and acrylic templates for rotary cutting. This kit fee is included in the class registration fee. QGI will have the kits shipped to the Program Committee Chair(s). Upon registration (online or at a meeting) you may pick up the kit from Carol Marlin at her home or in person at a guild meeting.

Karen's website is: [www.karencombs.com](http://www.karencombs.com). Please take a look at all the wonderful possibilities for this technique in your own quilting.



2022 QGI Evening Programs 7 – 9pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday			
Month	Speaker	Date	Lecture/Workshop
Jan 2022	Lisa Dodson	Jan 13	Lecture – Lisa Loves Little Art Quilts
Feb 2022	Linda J. Hahn <a href="http://www.froghollowdesigns.com">www.froghollowdesigns.com</a>	Feb 10 Feb 12	Lecture-Rock that Quilt Block WS - Wicked Wahini
Mar 2022	Timna Tarr <a href="http://www.timnatarr.com">http://www.timnatarr.com</a>	March 10	Lecture - What If .... Working in a Series
April 2022	Lea McComas <a href="https://www.learmmccomas.com">https://www.learmmccomas.com</a>	April 14	Lecture-Making Faces
May 2022	Karen Combs <a href="http://www.karencombs.com">www.karencombs.com</a>	May 12 May 14	Lecture - Quilts of Illusion WS - Patchwork Illusions
June 2022	Pam Mick	June 9	Lecture - My Life in Crayons!
July 2022			TBA
August 2022	Melissa Snyder <a href="https://longarmlouise.com">https://longarmlouise.com</a>	August 11	Topic: Close to the Comb – Our QGI Quilting Bees
Sept 2022			TBA
Oct 2022	Make & Take	Oct 13	
Nov 2022	Quilt Show Wrap Up	Nov 10	
Dec 2022	Holiday Party	Dec 8	

Meeting programs may change from those published.

Workshop fees may vary based on speaker policy. Check the QGI Website: Events > Workshops at [www.quiltquildindy.net](http://www.quiltquildindy.net) for workshop specific information. \*Workshop fees may be refunded up to two weeks prior to the class. Send complete form and check made out to "QGI" to:

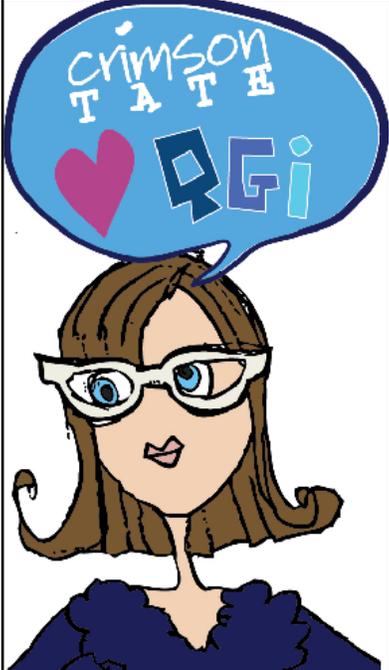
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## 2022 QGI North Daytime Programs\*

Date	Speaker	Topic	Website
Feb 4	Cyndi McChesney	Panel Palooza	<a href="http://www.cedarridgequilting.com">http://www.cedarridgequilting.com</a>
March 4	Leigh Layton and Barb Triscari	Working with Fabric you have printed	
April 1	Mary White	Quilt Retreat in Shipshewana	<a href="https://www.quiltguildindy.net/">https://www.quiltguildindy.net/</a>
May 6	Margaret Fette	Sewing Problem Free Bloomington Fabric Bus	<a href="https://www.universityofsewing.com/">https://www.universityofsewing.com/</a>
June 3	Karen Brown	Be the Best Quilter you can be	<a href="https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/">https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/</a>
July 1	TBA		
August 1	Deb Meyer	History of Fabrics in US, & update on QHF	<a href="https://quiltershalloffame.net/">https://quiltershalloffame.net/</a>
Sept 1	Allie McCathren	Taking Scrap Quilting to the Next level	<a href="https://exhaustedoctopus.com/">https://exhaustedoctopus.com/</a>
Oct 7	If you don't submit a quilt, you can't say, "We did this."	<b>Quilt Show</b> at the State Fair Grounds	Volunteer to get free parking
Nov 4	Kim Caskey	Whispers quilt project	<a href="http://www.kimcaskey.ca/">http://www.kimcaskey.ca/</a>
Dec 1	TBA		

### QGI South Meetings

**Thursday, April 28, 2022, 10:00am to Noon**

**Speaker:**

Friedens United Church of Christ  
8300 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN

*NOTE: Masks are required*

*Bring proof of vaccination*

Come early for the meet and greet: 9:30-10:00

Meeting: 10:00-12:00

We'll have games, show and tell, etc.

Hoping to see you there!

- Dallas Reed

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# QGI North Meeting Notes for March 4, 2022

By Pam Durant

The March meeting of QGI North featured an amazing presentation by two of our talented members. I had asked them to speak about making fabric by print on demand. They took the topic and ran with it! Leigh talked about how to get fabric made at Spoonflower, and why you might want to do it. Leigh showed us how she has used this fabric in really nice quilts. Mary Strinka also brought some of her quilts and let us pass them around. One even featured a photo she'd made of vegetables she'd grown in her own garden, then printed multiple copies, then stacked and whacked six versions to swirl around an intact copy.

Leigh then walked us through the process of ordering fabric from Spoonflower, which seems straightforward, even though there seems to be a wide variety of choices to be made. Luckily Leigh offered advice on those too, from the importance of the width of fabric, to the specific fabric to use.

Next up was Barb Triscari who talked about other companies, now including Joanns, which also print fabric on demand. Her focus was on a company whose website is [artfabrics.com](http://artfabrics.com). Barb explained to us an advantage to this company is that they use reactive dyes in their fabrics, which makes the fabric colors permanent and not likely to fade. Although like Leigh, Barb was speaking to us by zoom, she sent a number of her quilts in with Maggie Carr so they could be viewed too. Because of Artfabrics high quality standards, she even had a couple of pieces of fabric that hadn't been used. Barb walked us through the process of designing fabric on their website, which seems straightforward

If you missed it, it isn't too late, because their joint lecture was recorded and is available on our website. Go to the Members Forum, and scroll down to "Zoom Meeting Recordings". In addition, Leigh and Barb have added additional materials to help you act on their recommendations.

The Meeting closed with important updates on current ongoing QGI events and charity concerns, including our president, Maureen Weflen's pillowcase challenge. The variety of well-done projects shared during Show and Tell inspired us even more.

The April meeting will totally be in person, at the QGI retreat in Shipshewana. Please plan on being at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church for the meeting in May. Our speaker will be Margaret Fete from Bloomington. Bring your charge cards or cash, since she'll be driving the Fabric Bus!



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## Upcoming QGIN Meetings, 1st Fridays

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church  
1605 E 106th Street (at Rangeline)  
Indianapolis, IN 46280

*In person with masks and on Zoom*

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** no meeting, No Fooling. Since many QGI members will be in Shipshewana for our QGI retreat, we will be sewing, talking and eating in the company of Mary White and her crew. I hope you join us.

On **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** Mary from the University of Sewing in Bloomington will bring her Fabric Bus. After an inspiring talk on how to improve our sewing, we can shop in the parking lot of Orchard Park.

## QGI QUILT SHOW 2022 - ONLY 6 MONTHS AWAY!!!

**Next planning meeting: April 24 at 2:00 pm**

New Joy Lutheran Church, 15951 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, IN 46074  
(Zoom Option if you can't attend in person)

We typically hold a quilt show every 2 years, but, due to the pandemic, now it will be 3 years since our last show. This is our major fundraiser. It keeps our guild going. It supports our zoom meetings, in person meetings, speakers, workshops and website. The quilt show is tons of work and fun. It's more fun when everyone participates!

### Support our Quilt Show:

- Volunteer to help the Quilt Show Committee
- Volunteer to help at the show
- Make a Challenge Quilt
- Submit your quilt(s) to hang (option to be judged)
- Bring your family and friends to the show

Contact QGI Quilt show co-chairs to volunteer:

Nancy Trullinger 317-989-2093

[nancytrullinger@frontier.com](mailto:nancytrullinger@frontier.com)

Marcia Hackett 317-502-2686 [\\_mkhind@aol.com](mailto:_mkhind@aol.com)

*Note: All board members and quilt show committee members are volunteers.*



Quilting At The Crossroads

# QGI North March 4 Show and Tell



Opportunity Quilt (No. 1 of 2) for our 2022 Quilt Show



QGI North March 4 Show and Tell (cont.)









## QGI South, March 24 Meeting

Speaker, guild member, and current QGIN Chair Pam Durant presented “Motion in Quilts” (if you missed its, don’t worry, Pam will do the presentation again at QGI North, date TBD).

Dallas awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Ruth Dommerstrup for her 25 years of service in making over 7,000 charity quilt tops.



### April 28 Meeting:

Come hear about Mary Strinka tell about her Kaleidoscope quilts!

Come and meet us at 9:30am - 10. Meeting will start at 10:00 to 12:00.

Masks are required as is proof of vaccination.

Below and on the following pages are pictures of many Show and Tell creations by

talented QGI members.





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## Register for the May 14 Workshop “Patchwork Illusions” with Karen Combs!

Create something beautiful and learn how to create 3D effects with fabrics from your stash or local quilt store. This workshop promises to be fun and inspirational.

Three ways to register:

- 1) Online at <https://www.quiltguildindy.net/workshops>
- 2) At a meeting using this form
- 3) Mail the form to

Carol E. Marlin  
9570 Broadway Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Please complete the following form and send it with your **\$75** check if you are a QGI member or **\$90** check if you are not a member. If you choose register on the QGI website ([www.quiltguildindy.net](http://www.quiltguildindy.net)) using a credit card, the charge will be **\$79** for members and **\$94** for non-members. You will receive a confirmation email with a supply list for the class when your payment is received. You will also receive a reminder email sometime the week before the class along with the **Zoom** code you will need to attend the class.

If you have any questions, contact Carol at: [cemarlin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cemarlin@sbcglobal.net) or 317-514-3733

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**Karen Combs – Patchwork Illusions - Saturday, May 14, 2022 – 8:45 AM – 3 PM**

**Member by check: Class Fee \$75      Non-Member by check: Class Fee \$90**  
**The class fee includes a \$17 Kit**  
**Sign on to Zoom @ 8:45 AM EST**

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## Happening Elsewhere.....

**Now through May 7 “Little Beauties: The Art of the Miniature”**

Quilters Hall of Fame in Marion, IN <https://quiltershalloffame.net>

**Now through June 5, 2022 “Uncovered: The Ken Burns Collection”** at The Peoria Riverfront

Museum in Peoria, IL <https://www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org/exhibits-collections/exhibits/uncovered-the-ken-burns-collection>

**April 27-30, 2022 “30th Anniversary Quilt Week” by American Quilter’s Society** in Paducah,

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

**June 10-11, 2022 “A Chain of Quilts”** quilt show by The Quilt Connection Guild Quilt Show, 10am

to 4pm on Friday, 10am to 3pm on Saturday, at the Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Avenue, Greenwood, IN. The chairman, JoAnn Gates, promises a good time with over 200 quilts, items for sale, refreshments, vendors and demonstrations. Admission is \$8. Check the web at [www.quiltcg.com](http://www.quiltcg.com)

**June 22-25, 2022 “Shipshewana Quilt Festival”** in Shipshewana, IN

<https://www.shipshewanaquiltfest.com/>

**August 4-6, 2022 “Quilt Festival”** in Long Beach, CA <https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-long-beach/>

**September 8 - 10, 2022 “The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show”** at the Alliant Energy Center in

Madison, WI <https://quiltshow.com>

**October 7-8, 2022 “Quilting at the Crossroads” QGI Quilt Show** at the Indiana State

Fairgrounds. Join the guild at <http://quiltguildindy.net> and submit one or more quilts! We’ll have vendors, demonstrations, featured guild quilt artist Leigh Layton, guild Challenge Quilts, guest speaker Angela Huffman (<https://quiltedjoy.com/about>) and the Cherrywood “Diana” Challenge on exhibit.

**July 21-22, 2023 “One Stop Quilt Shop Hop”** at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, IN

[www.nancyjsfabrics.com/quilt-shop-hop.htm](http://www.nancyjsfabrics.com/quilt-shop-hop.htm)

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### ***2022 QGI Meetings***

in person, with Zoom options

**Masks required**

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#### **The QGI General Meeting Third Thursday evening each month at 7pm.**

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church  
1605 E 106th Street (at Rangeline)  
Indianapolis, IN 46280

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#### **QGI North Daytime Meeting First Friday each month 1:00 PM**

At Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

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#### **QGI South Daytime Meeting Fourth Thursday each month 10:00 AM**

Friedens United Church of Christ  
8300 S. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN

*Zoom meeting links are on the Member  
Forum page at [quiltguildindy.net](http://quiltguildindy.net)*

### **2022 QGI Board Meeting**

[qgiwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:qgiwebsite@gmail.com)

Board meetings will be every other month at 7pm via Zoom on the third Thursday.

2022 Meeting dates are:

January 20, March 17,  
May 19, July 21, Sept. 15 and  
November 17.

All paid members are welcome to  
link into the meetings.