



Bits and Pieces Newsletter

Quilters Guild of Indianapolis

November 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Large Auction of Small Quilts a great success! A huge thank you to everyone who:

- made and/or donated unique and beautiful quilts, bags, jewelry, mystery boxes, and other items;
- volunteered and helped with the auction in any way including the dedicated individuals who setup the website quilt auction information/pictures, reserved a perfect venue for the auction, prepared labels and items for display, everyone who helped with the creative publicity and advertising, the amazing set up crew, the delightful bidder registration group, the wonderful mystery box raffle organizer, our fantastic auctioneer, the eagle-eye spotters, the detailed recorders of live auction results, the strong runners, the amazing wizards who managed check out, and the speedy clean-up crew;
- brought family and friends with you to the auction;
- bid on silent and/or live auction items;
- had fun at the auction.

Everyone helped to make the auction a huge success. Results will be shared at the November general meeting.

Looking ahead, please join us in person for the QGI Holiday Party on Friday, December 1 from 1-3 pm at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 1605 E 106th Street, Indianapolis, in the Pavilion (the gym). Enter at Door 2 and sign in at the desk. Sandwiches and drinks along with plates/napkins/cups/utensils for lunch will be provided by QGI. **Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share for lunch as well as an unwrapped fat quarter to exchange.**

We will have the big reveal of the QGI 2023 Whispers Quilt Project, play a game or two, and have wonderful fellowship among friends. You may even meet a QGI member that you have not met before. You will be able to pay your 2024 QGI dues (\$30) at the meeting if you have not done so already. I hope to see you at the December 1 Holiday Party!

Meanwhile, Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you celebrate with family, friends, and yummy food!

Betsy LaBell
2023 QGI President



QGI Meeting Notes October 12, 2023

Election of Officers:

Thank you to the 2023 QGI nominating committee: Joyce Blakely (chair), Anita Harden, and Karen Nealis. They have nominated

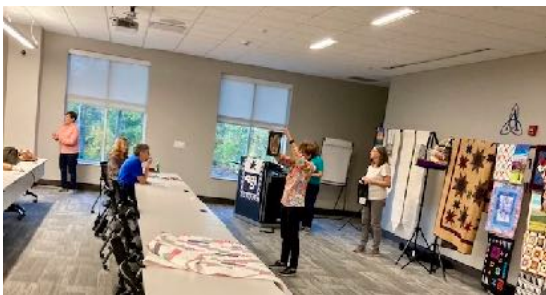
- Rebecca Connell for 2024 Vice President/2025 President and
- Jeanette Holland for 2024 Secretary.

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Therefore, the membership showed their unanimous approval for the slate of officers by a show of hands. Congratulations and thank you to Rebecca and Jeanette for agreeing to serve as QGI officers!

Large Auction of Small Quilts:

There were just over 120 items in the combined silent and live auction. These donations were made by about 40 different quilters/artists.

There were approximately 60 people in attendance at the auction. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the auction. Enjoy some pictures of this event.





November 9 QGI Meeting - Orchard Park Presbyterian Church - 7PM

The speaker for the QGI evening meeting on Thursday, November 9 will be Jennifer Houlden. Her topic will be "Creating Contrast in Your Quilts - Adding the WOW Factor."

One of the keys to great art work and quilts is color and contrast.

Her trunk show explores the effective use of contrast to create dimension, movement and visual harmony while supporting the initial attraction of color in great quilt designs.

Using contrast in the form of fabrics with different textures, patterns and value is one of the first steps to creating contrast in quilts and textile art. Adding embellishments such as thread play, couching, beading, painting, and other mixed media can also create contrast by adding dimension and texture within the piece. Most importantly a design or concept is needed to expand on. Using some or all of these different techniques – the ideas will be never ending.

Jen explores the world of contrast and offers a few tips, tricks and techniques that you can incorporate into your quilt making and art to boost the contrast in your work. And learn how you can achieve that WOW factor in your quilts.



Month	Date	Speaker	Topic	Website
October	Oct 12	Small Quilt Auction	Zionsville Town Hall	
November	Nov 9	Jennifer Houlden	Creating Contrast in Your Quilts, Adding the WOW Factor	https://quiltsbyjen.ca/
December	Dec 1	Guild Holiday Party	(in person only)	
January	Jan 11, 2024	Catherine Redford	Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stit	https://catherineredford.com/
February	Feb 8, 2024	Paula Nadlestern	Symmetry and Surprise: The Kaleidoscope as a Design Inspiration	https://paulanadlestern.com/
March	Mar 14, 2024	Rachel Derstine	Keep It Simple, but Pack a Punch	https://www.rachelderstinedesigns.com/
April	Apr 11, 2024	Tina Curran	My Design Process - From Concept to	https://www.tinacurran.com/
May	May 9, 2024	Sandy Fitzpatrick	Why Didn't I Think of That?	https://www.hissyfitzdesigns.com/
June	June 13, 2024	Jamie L Davis	The History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts	https://www.loopytulips.com/
July	Jul 11, 2024	Trudy Cleveland	Shoot Your Quilt	https://trudycleveland.com/
August	Aug 8, 2024	Dave Sirota	What Makes a Quilter Tick?	https://www.quiltmavendave.com/

QGIN Meeting October 6th by Pam Durant

Our speaker was Sacha Brady, a member of the modern quilt guild as well as QGI. She concentrated on covering many dyeing techniques that all of us could use. She warned us all to be safe, since some of the techniques rely on chemicals which should be used carefully. Sacha suggested using natural fibers, like cotton, especially fabric that has been prepared. Whatever the fabric, make sure that sizing and softeners have been removed before you start.

Throughout her talk she sprinkled in videos and pictures of techniques and final products. The first type of dyeing she covered is Immersion, or Tub dyeing, this has long been done with indigo dye. Next, she talked about Resistance dyeing (mechanical) where basically the fabric is pretreated with strings and rubber bands—the kinds of things we do with Tie-dyeing. The idea of chemical resistance dyeing is familiar to those of us who use batiks. In this method the fabric is marked with wax or paste in a pattern, you can even do this with Washable Elmer's Glue.

Dip dyeing uses capillary action (think paper towels) to wick the dye into the fabric. Overdyeing can add color to something that already exists (think tea). You can do a fun method of surface design by adding dye on the top of shaving cream. You can even use permanent markers with 91% Isopropyl alcohol to add special effects.

Sacha talked of using natural material to dye fabric. For example: turmeric makes yellow, acorns brown, black beans make blue and avocados create pink. Finally, she closed by talking about rust dyeing, where you allow rusty objects to come into contact with fabric that has been acid treated, botanical bundle dyeing, bleach discharge, and cyano image transfer using sun power.

After her talk, I asked Judy Barmann to come up and expand a bit on the cyanodyeing, since she had led a group of us doing this technique this summer. She explained how it worked and where she got the necessary supplies—Amazon.

Sacha not only allowed us to tape her talk, which is now available in the Members >Forum of the QGI website, but she gave us a great list of links to more information about several dyeing processes.

The meeting then continued with announcements, and great quilts in Show and Tell. . Since it is October, Door prizes featured bundles of Halloween fabric.





November 3rd Meeting QGIN - The Barrington, 1335 S. Guilford Rd, Carmel - 1pm-3pm

Five Mini Workshops

Everyone should make an extra effort to attend the QGIN meeting on November since five QGI members have put extra effort into putting a mini workshop for you. The plan is for the members attending to rotate through five stations (I'm hoping to set up in the four corners of the room in the Barrington as well as one table in the middle). What can you learn? In no particular order: **Leigh Layton** will show how to make a quick quilt using small chunks of fabric. **Sherry McConnell** has done a lot of work for Quiltsmart, and will take us through the process of making a sweet mug rug. **Pam Durant** will modify Gudrun Erla's GE Easy method of making four very accurate flying geese at a time. **Carol Marlin** will guide us through the process of making jewelry using fabric. Barb Triscari will teach us to make facing for quilts. Yes, many of us have read about this useful technique, but I can't be the only one who needs to see it demonstrated.

November 4 -Live Workshop - Zionsville Town Hall, 1100 Oak St.

Meet us on November 4th at the Zionsville Town Center for another Alice Ridge workshop—this time she will be teaching us the Japanese technique of Shashiko. Workshop cost is only \$20 (\$21 if register online). Why not join us about 9:30am on Saturday. All you have to bring is money for the kit (\$25), and a pair of scissors. Please Come.



QGIS Meeting - October 26, 2023
Friedens United Church of Christ
8300 S Meridian, Indianapolis
10:30

Leanne Anderson opened our final meeting for the year and we sang happy birthday to members having a birthday in October, November or December.

Announcements

- Leanne announced that a group of members are stepping up to keep QGIS going for next year since no one came forward to chair the meetings. Martha Higdon will present our program in January 2024. We may be changing venues as well. The room we currently use is so large and the acoustics are not good, making it difficult to hear what is being said. Stay tuned for an update on this.
- The QGI December Holiday Party will be held on December 1 at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church from 1-3pm. There will be members from QGIS carpooling up to this meeting. If you would like to go with a group please contact Leanne Anderson to put your name on the list.
- Christine Hurley reminded us about the upcoming Quilts of Valor sew day on November 4th from 10am to 3pm. This sew day will be held at Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church, 4450 South Keystone Ave, Indianapolis. There will be a pitch in, please bring something to share. Chris's husband is making a pot of soup for us. Thank you Robert!

Our program this month was a workshop making Christmas ornaments. Leanne provided us with all the supplies and instructions and we had some cute ornaments to take home with us. We had a fun time!

Several members had Show and Tell.

Margie Lindeman presented the November Block of the Month, Star and Pinwheels. There is one more block which she will have at the January meeting. You will then have two months to get your quilt finished.

Door prizes were awarded to those present. This month there were 22 members present. The next meeting for QGIS will be January 25, 2024.

Happy Holidays everyone!





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CHARITY NEWS

We had a very productive work day on Oct 19, with 15 great workers sandwiching, stitching, trimming and turning, ironing quilt backs, and tying and finishing quilts.

As the fall season progresses, we have continued to distribute our charity quilts.

Last month, we delivered:

- 30 adult size and 20 child-to-youth size quilts to Family Promise of Central Indiana
- 8 adult and 7 child-to-youth size quilts to Family Promise of Hamilton County

If you'd like more information about this nationwide non-profit group, you can find it here: <https://familypromise.org>

We've got one more group work day, on Thursday Nov 16, from 9:30 AM until 3PM, where we will be doing all the tasks needed to make 12 – 15 quilts. To celebrate the end of this very productive year, we'll also be having a pitch-in lunch.

If you've ever wanted to check out our third Thursday work days, this would be a great time to share some fellowship and help make more quilts to benefit our neighbors through the winter months. Bring your sewing machine if you can, or just bring yourself and some basic tools to trim and stitch.

We really really need some help in keeping out charity efforts running into 2024 and beyond. I've had a couple of volunteers to help sort and manage incoming donations, but I'd love to have one (or more) others to manage the outgoing distribution process, and someone to help assemble kits for quilt tops. Please call Mary Strinka if you'd like to know more.





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Central Indiana Quilts of Valor

Christine Hurley - Central Indiana QOV Group Leader christine.hurley@qovf.org

Sew Days:

November 4, 2023 10:00 - 4:00 pm

January 6, 2024 10:00 - 4:00 pm

Where: Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church
4450 South Keystone Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46227
(10 miles north of Greenwood) (I-65 SB Keystone Exit; (south) 1 mile.

What to bring: Sewing Machine & notions. Anything you would normally bring to a sew day to help assemble tops. Blocks will be provided. Food: Soup will be provided. Bring a side dish or desserts Munchies, chocolate, etc. Block Drive: I am still collecting 12.5 x 12.5 patriotic blocks that will be counted towards the previously submitted blocks for a drawing to be held at the QGI December Holiday Party. The prize is a complete quilt kit. (not patriotic).

MORE QUILTS OF VALOR SEW DAYS

November 4, 2023

February 3, 2024

Location: Noblesville VFW
654 S. 9TH ST., Noblesville, IN

Time: 10AM - 4PM

As usual it's a pitch in, please bring your favorite dish. I will provide a main dish.

Please bring your machine, thread & desired notions. Irons, ironing boards and cutting tables will be available for your use.

For the November 4th Sew Day, our wonderful Nancy Fletcher is gathering folks on our list of awardee's for a presentation the same day - it's pretty special to watch! I'm hoping to plan that for around 2pm so we can get more sewing done beforehand.

The February 3rd Sew Day is the QOV National Sew Day. As that day gets closer I will send out reminder emails so you can sign up for the annual national giveaway.

Please pass the word to your sewing buddies and bring them along - the more the merrier!

Thanks,
Libby Haynes
317-501-3617

2024 QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Quilt Show Committee met on October 29 and are awaiting a decision on the date for our show from our contact at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds. In the meantime the committee is looking for members to help organize all the components necessary to have a successful show. Please consider making a commitment to help in this major fundraiser for our guild. Below are the positions that need volunteer coordinators as well as the members who have already stepped up to fill positions. Contact Katrina Jewula if you have questions about the vacant positions.

Vacant Spots:

- Social Media
- Challenge Quilts
- Vendors Coordinator
- Registration
- Silent Auction
- Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales
- Show Set Up
- Show Tear Down

Volunteer Coordinators:

- Judging - Mary Ellen Straughn
- Quilt Appraisals - Beth Braun
- Ribbons - Beth Braun
- T-Shirts - Nancy Trullinger
- Layout - Melissa Snyder
- Peony Shop - Marcia Hackett & her daughter, Maureen Weflen
- Advertising - Shari Harrison
- Mystery Bags - Pat ?
- Treasure Bags (formerly baskets) - Joyce Blakley
- Cash Boxes - Diane Burgan

QUILTERS HALL OF FAME SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

925 S. Washington St., Marion, Indiana



Opening October 3 through December 3, 2023, at The Quilters Hall of Fame, ***“Let’s Face it.”*** TQHF is excited to present the work of INfiber, a group of Indiana artists seeking to interact together to produce works of individuality and aesthetic cohesiveness in fibers. This exhibit features the study of faces, whether human or animal. We are honored to feature this work from Indiana artists!

November 18: Holiday Craft Boutique

The talented ladies of the Marie Webster Quilt Guild will have their handcrafted treasures for sale at The Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 South Washington Street, Marion, IN. Free admission.

PADUCAH QUILT SHOW 2024

Overnight Bus Trip to AQS show **April 26, 27**

Included:

Transportation, Fabric Lottery, Games and Entertainment
Double Occupancy Room with Continental Breakfast
Admission to AQS Show and Quilt Show at the Fairgrounds
Admission to AQS Museum
Lunch on Friday and Dinner on Friday and Saturday

Leave south side Indianapolis at 6:30 am on Friday and return around midnight on Saturday. Total Cost \$300.00 (based on double room occupancy). Deposit returned until March 13, at which time final payment is due. For more information call Dallas Reed, 317-363-4116 or email: dallasreed@att.net

To reserve your seat on the bus, send a check for \$25.00 to: Dallas Reed, 6802 Perry Court, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Cut off here and return bottom half only/Keep top half for your final payment info.

Paducah Overnight Bus Trip April 2024

Final itinerary sent 2 weeks before departure. To sit together, send reservations together. Seats are assigned in the order in which reservations are received. *Please print clearly.*

Name _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Telephone no. _____ Email(print clearly) _____

Amount sent _____ Room Mate _____

Date Sent _____ Pick Up South Side _____ West Side _____

Total cost \$300.00 (based on double room occupancy) \$325 (Single)

SHIPSHEWANNA 2024 SPRING RETREAT!!!!

Please mark your calendars for the 2024 QGI SPRING RETREAT IN SHIPSHEWANNA on **April 5TH – 7TH**. We are looking forward to returning to the Farmstead Inn in amazing Shipshewana, the adorable little town for quilters,. Shipshewana is a quilters paradise with its quilt, antique, and mercantile shops, cafés and restaurants all within the quaint setting of Amish life. We hope you will plan to join us for the fun, prizes, friendships and to just get away from it all! Additional details will be furnished in a future newsletter. Coordinator: Margie Lindeman

INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE QUILT

**BLOOMINGTON, IN
FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 2, 2024**

Do you have a stash of precious **batik and/or hand-dyed fabrics** you have been hesitating to cut up for a long, long time? Our challenge, should you accept it, is to start cutting and creating....set those **batik and/or hand- dyed fabrics** free!!

Feel free to cut and go where your imagination takes you! Entries can use any technique or variety of techniques. Go ahead and piece or appliqué or embellish or fussy cut or embroider....whatever it takes to make your vision! Traditional? Go for it! Modern? Go for it! Art is your vibe? Go for it! All of the above? Go for it!

The rules are: Your quilt must be **at least 75%** hand-dyed and/or batik. It must measure **30 inches by 30 inches**. And, it must follow the show guidelines for [quilt entry](#). Additional show information is at [ihqs.org](#). So be brave! Cut and create with those **batik and hand-dyed fabrics** and meet this challenge! We can't wait to see the results!

THE NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM PADUCAH, KY 2024 Competition & Exhibition NEW QUILTS FROM AN OLD FAVORITE - ROARING TWENTIES

Entry fee: \$50

Quilt Size: 24" wide x 40" long (portrait orientation)

Judging: Based on your innovative use and interpretation of a traditional block and the 2024 theme: Roaring Twenties. The quilt, in some recognizable way, must be about the Roaring Twenties and include an interpretation of a traditional block pattern of your choosing. All quilts must be an original design. Complete list of contest rules, guidelines and how to enter are available online at: quilt.museum.org/NQOF2024.

Timetable:

9/1/23 Entries Open

1/19/24 Entry Deadline

1/26/24 Finalists are notified

2/16/24 Finalists' quilts due at NQM for judging

3/1/24 Winners notified

April 2024 Exhibit opens at NQM

1/31/26 Quilts are returned

Sacred Threads Exhibit is coming to Indianapolis in 2025. (exact date and location TBD) They will begin accepting entries Jan. 1, 2024 – Jan. 10, 2025. See website for details.

www.sacredthreadsqilts.com

OTHER QUILTY HAPPENINGS

November 11, 2023: Mudsock Quilters Guild Quilt Show. Show hours: 10am to 3pm. Entrance fee is \$5.00 for adults. Kids can enter free. Please bring cash for your entrance fee, raffle tickets and purchases at the Mudsock Steals and Deals table. Most vendors will take credit cards, but not all. More than 300 quilts crated by the guild this year to distribute to those hospitalized at Community North and Vascular Heart Hospitals on Christmas morning. Vendors and lots of handmade items.
www.mudsockquiltersguild.org.

November 18, 2023: Quilters Hall of Fame & Marie Webster Quilt Guild Christmas Boutique. Hall is at 926 S. Washington St., Marion, IN.

March 20, 2024: Indiana Quilters Trail Shop Hop (more information in early 2024).



The Quilters HALL OF FAME

Celebration July 18-20, 2024

featuring the induction of:
Katie Pasquini Masopust

The Quilters Hall of Fame is excited to announce the selection of Katie Pasquini Masopust as our 2024 honoree. Since Katie first began quilting in 1978, her creativity and sense of design and composition have been a moving force in the contemporary field of quilt making. She became a leader in the Art Quilt Movement through her eagerness to teach art quilters and through her seven-year service as president of Studio Art Quilt Associates. The positive effect she has had on the quilt world internationally and her many awards testify to her having earned a place in The Quilters Hall of Fame. Please join us in honoring her for her contributions to the world of quilting!

2023 QGI Board	
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2023 QGI Meetings

in person, with Zoom options

Masks optional

The QGI General Meeting Second* Thursday evening Jan–Nov at 7pm.

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church,
Lounge
1605 E 106th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46280

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

NEW LOCATION:

**The Barrington, Windsor Hall
1335 S. Guildford Rd, Carmel, IN**

QGI South Daytime Meeting Fourth* Thursday each month 10:30 AM Jan – Oct

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

*Zoom meeting links are on the Member, Forum
page at quiltguildindy.net*

**Dates/locations are subject to change*

2023 QGI Board Meeting

qgiwebsite@gmail.com

Board meetings will be every other month at
6:30pm via Zoom on the Monday before the QGI
monthly Evening Meeting.

2023 Meeting dates are:

January 9, March 6,
May 8, July 10, Sept. 11 and
November 6.

All paid members are welcome to link into the
meetings. Please contact Betsy LaBell for the
meeting link.
if you want to participate..