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**NEXT MEETING:**

August 3

Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai  
Emunal

3220 Big Tree Lane  
Wilmette, IL 60091

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

**NEXT WORKSHOPS**

Aug 4 (Mary K. Fons)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
1133 Pflingsten Road

Northbrook, IL 60062

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

Aug 21, 7:15

Levy Center

300 Dodge Ave. (at Mulford)

Evanston, IL

## From the President

*Can you believe that it is August already? The summer has flown past, and the 2017/2018 IQI year is upon us.*

*We have a year packed full of wonderful speakers, workshops and other events. I hope that all of you will take part in some, many or all of them. First up is Mary K. Fons on Thursday, August 3rd at our monthly meeting. She has appeared at IQI in the past and is a dynamic speaker. Her workshop on Friday, August 4th is a half-day workshop on Y-seams. I and a few other IQI members have taken a class with her in the past and she is a terrific teacher. I hope many of you will sign up and urge friends, relatives, acquaintances, members of other guilds to do likewise. Go to the IQI website for more information.*

*Our speaker on September 7th is Cheryl Slboda; again, I have heard her speak and she is engaging and funny. Her quilting style is more modern than many of our other guests; and her use of techniques is unique and innovative. Because of the bus trip to the Madison, Wisconsin, quilt show Cheryl will not be presenting a workshop. The trip is on September 8th; check it out on the website or right here in the Oakleaf.*

*I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and hope to see many of you on August 3rd at the meeting.*

*Kristen*

## Have you signed up yet for the Quilt Expo bus trip September 9th?

Take the bus...leave the driving to us (or at least the very nice driver!)

In order to break even we need 38 passengers. Capacity is 50. We have opened up the bus trip to the general public (A flyer in Quilter's Heaven, i. e.) So there is outside interest. If you are planning to take the bus, **PLEASE** sign up now.

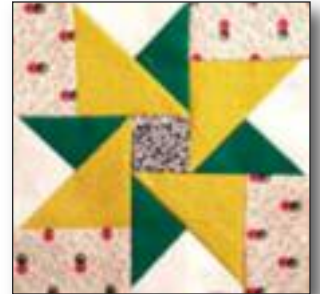
Sue Sweeney

# IQI 2017-18 LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

Please note: Dates with an asterisk (\*) indicate lecture will be held at Gloria Dei instead of Beth Hillel.

**Aug 3 Mary K Fons** “10 Things I Know about Quilting (and Life).” Mary will present her lively lecture after our business meeting, and will also have books available for sale. She is bringing a trunk show of quilts...don't miss it.

**There are still spots available for her workshop on Friday.** Sign up online at our website or at our August 3rd meeting. She is an artist, quilter, author and now fabric designer. Her fabric line, “Small Wonders”, is available on Amazon. She is currently pursuing a Master in Fine Arts at The Art Institute in Chicago.



**Aug 4 No-Fear Partial Seams: The Sweetpea Star Block.** If you've ever shied away from partial seams, it's time to face the music and enjoy shapes in your patchwork you can't get any other way. The Sweetpea Star Block offers almost endless opportunities for settings and patterns.

NOTE: This is a 3-hour technique workshop (not a project) . 9 am - noon.

**Sept 7 Cheryl Sleboda** “Working Weekly—Staying Inspired”



Our speaker is Illinois's very own Cheryl Sleboda. Cheryl is a dynamic speaker and fabric artist who brings edge and fun to her projects.

We will not have any workshops with Cheryl but...GOOD NEWS! She will be teaching at the Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO at Schaumburg.

Enjoy a one hour Powerpoint presentation to see the small quilts with big detail and then view the quilts actual size in a “mini” trunk show.

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**Sept 9** No workshop --Bus Trip to Quilt Expo in Madison, WI.

Bus will leave at 8:00 am PROMPTLY from Techny Prairie Park and Fields, 1750 Techny Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. Bus will leave Quilt Expo at 4:00 pm PROMPTLY. Return to Techny Prairie Park and Fields approximately 6:00 pm.

Price: \$45.00 includes:

- Quilt Expo entrance fee
- Tip to driver

Bus trip will be promoted to other guilds and with flyers in local quilt shops.

**Don't miss out! It is a fun day with no driving hassles.**

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**Oct 5\* Pat Speth** “Five Inch is a Cinch”. (NOTE: Meeting is at Gloria Dei, NOT Beth Hillel.)

Pat has been quilting since 1988. She started working with 5 inch squares as a basis for her quiltmaking in 1993. She was asked to do a program for her guild in 1997 using the 5" squares, which gave her the push to explore new uses and techniques for working with the squares.

Pat, while working a full time job, started on the book, **Nickel Quilts** in 1998 and was able to have it ready for the publishers in June 2001.

**Oct 6** Small Wonders —8 quilts to choose from featuring: Tillie’s Treasures, All That Glitters, Butterfly Waltz, Star and Hourglass and more! Once you start with these units you won’t want to stop. Simple sewing and cutting techniques will turn your 5” squares into these remarkable units without cutting any triangles or working with bias.



*From left:  
Tillie’s Treasures  
Prairie Gems  
Star & Crown  
(See her website for other Small  
Wonder quilts).*

**Oct 7** Picket Fence —5 Quilts to choose from. The picket fence unit is made with the sew & flip method. No triangles to cut or bias to work with. Pat will have handouts with design variations and how to make your pieced border fit your top.

*From left:  
Millennium Star  
Pinwheels on Parade  
Dawn to Dusk  
(See her website for other  
Picket Fence quilts).*



**Nov 3-5 Fine Art of Fiber** No meeting

**Dec 7** Holiday Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share.

**No meeting in January. Stay home and quilt!**

**Feb 1 (2018) Catherine Redford** Catherine Redford lives in Naperville, Illinois and is a well-known quilt teacher, author and fiber artist both in the Chicago area and nationwide. She and her team at the 2016 International Quilt Festival in Chicago won the coveted IRON QUILTER Award.

She taught at Pieceful Hearts Fabrics in Lisle, and has classes on Quilting Arts TV, Craft U. She has embraced the modern movement in quilting but still enjoys handwork and folk art stitching. She describes her style as “eclectic.” And no matter what she is teaching, she and her students have a lot of fun doing it!

**Feb 2** “Folk Art Stitching”. Start by learning, or being reminded of, some



basic embroidery stitches on a specially designed pre-printed sampler and then learn some novel embellishment techniques to add to the fun. Learn how Catherine transfers her own designs onto dark colored backgrounds. Enjoy the relaxed tempo and reconnect with hand work!

Kit fee, \$25, payable to Catherine. All you have to bring is your glasses...and your sense of fun.

**Feb 3** Have you looked at Modern Improv Quilts and not known where to start? Bring a bag of scraps, a neutral solid and your happy thoughts! We'll look at a few examples, discuss some techniques, including adding narrow strips and gentle curved piecing, and get to stitching. Make one, and maybe two small wall hanging size quilts ready to take home and quilt.



**Mar 1\* Barbara Black** "Make an Award Winning Quilt". Barbara is from Huntsville, Alabama. Her blog "My Joyful Journey" is full of great information, tutorials and encouragement to all. Her "claim to fame" is "Red and White--By the Numbers" selected as the commemorative quilt for the 40th Anniversary of the International Quilt Festival, Houston, TX. All 2014 advertising, catalogs, show pins and beautiful tote bags are featured this quilt. It is now in the Quilts, Inc. Corporate Collection.

While she loves to do hand appliqué, she is most known for Medallion-style quilts with many pieces and lots of precision. If it looks hard, she can make it seem easier. She sometimes makes simple, fast quilts, but is most often working on projects that take time. "Most important to me is my passion for teaching others to quilt."

**Mar 2** Learn to paper piece the entire star with NO set-in piecing. You'll be amazed at your accuracy. One star makes a great center medallion, many stars make a fabulous quilt. Pattern required, \$10. You will receive instructions for pre-cutting, which must be completed prior to class.

**Mar 3** Use all those favorite scraps to make this traditional block and learn to sew Y seams easily. Sew on paper to use even the tiny bits. Learn to master set-in piecing. Warning: this one is addictive! Full Day Workshop, Template Set, \$25 is very helpful.

**Apr 5\* Mary Alice Hart** "Faces in Fabric". In 2008 three things converged that forever changed the focus of her quilting: a digital camera, Solvron®, and an article in the Quilting Arts Magazine. The camera took great close-ups of flowers that she longed to turn into quilts. Solvron®, a water-soluble material could give fabric interesting textural effects. And the article, "Daylily" by Ann Holmes gave her the final piece of the puzzle showing her how to turn photos into a pattern. She was quickly hooked and totally obsessed! In the quilt world her work would be classified as machine applique. It is based on photos that she manipulates in the computer to create a master pattern and pattern templates. Most of the pieces are cut with seam allowances that are turned under and the pieces are assembled like a jigsaw puzzle. When the piece meets her approval the sewing/quilting begins.

**Apr 6** Try this simple method of machine applique that involves no sewing



until the piece is assembled, stacked with batting and backing, and ready to quilt. Have fun building the turned-edge “hand-applique by machine” piece, and learn to texture fabric and create shadow with tulle. Class will be Dogwood. Kit fee \$5.00.

**May 3 Susan Cleveland** “My Eclectic Quilt Pageant”. *“My enthusiasm for quilting is said to be contagious! In classes, I work toward keeping an upbeat setting, providing well-written instructions, and attending to each student with personalized coaching.”*

Susan’s quilts have received many awards in international competitions since 1997 where judges comment on fine workmanship and original style. She includes charming, unexpected elements such as specialty threads, prairie points, piping, and great binding techniques. Susan invented the Groovin’

Piping Trimming Tool, used to trim piping seam allowances, and the Prairie Pointer pressing tool.

In 2010 she was delighted to be named Minnesota Quilter of the Year!



**May 4** 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (3 hour lecture/demo) With lively projected demos you'll learn to prepare a quilt top for a successful finish; discover secrets of ditch quilting; learn when and how to mark or not mark a quilt; study stitching with heavy threads; get excited about big stitch hand quilting, bobbin quilting and couched quilting. These skills empower those whose free-motion skills are less than stellar but may be combined with free-motion quilting as well. Quilt your quilts with style and techniques you enjoy the most! No need for your sewing machine – lecture/demo only



**May 5** Piped bindings add spark and a professional finish to any style piece. Every detail of binding and tiny perfect piping will be covered in class with step-by-step demos and printed instructions. Machine differences will be addressed so students will be successful with their own machines. Students work on their practice piece to achieve making perfect piping, preparing the quilt, applying piping, applying binding, mitering corners, joining tails, and finishing for a show-quality back. Variations will be on display and discussed. Many major award-winners are using this technique to achieve stunning results!

### **So now you've been warned...**

The October meeting will be at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, our usual workshop site, because the temple space is not available on our date. Our guest speaker will be Pat Speth from Nickel Quilts. Her book, “Big Book of Nickel Quilts” will be at our workshop table, along with the supply lists. Stop by the workshop table to see them all.

### **Where to go for meetings:**

February – Catherine Redford – Beth Hillel  
March – Barbara Black – Gloria Dei  
April – Mary Alice Hart – Gloria Dei  
May – Susan Cleveland – Beth Hillel

# IQI Workshop Registration Form for 2017/18

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members only: \_\_\_\_\_

Address City St. Zip

Please circle appropriate price for each class.

Date	Teacher/Topic	Member	Non-Member
Aug 4 9 am-Noon	Mary Fons No Fear Partial Seams	55.00	65.00
Sept 9 8 am-6 pm	Madison Quilt Expo Bus Trip	45.00	55.00
Oct 6 9 am-3 pm	Pat Speth Small Wonders	45.00	55.00
Oct 7 9 am-3 pm	Pat Speth Picket Fence	45.00	55.00
Feb 2 9 am-3 pm	Catherine Redford Folk Art Stitching (no machine)	45.00	55.00
Feb 3 9 am-3 pm	Catherine Redford Modern Improv	45.00	55.00
Mar 2 9 am-3 pm	Barbara Black Feathered Stars Paper-Pieced	45.00	55.00
Mar 3 9 am-3 pm	Barbara Black String Stars: Use Those Scraps!	45.00	55.00
Apr 6 9 am-Noon	Mary Alice Hart Photo to Fabric: Dogwood (no machine)	25.00	30.00
May 4 9 am-Noon	Susan Cleveland: Simple Quilting with Style Lecture (no machine)	25.00	30.00
May 5 9 am-3 pm	Susan Cleveland Piping Hot Bindings	45.00	55.00

Supply lists available at [illinoisquilters.com](http://illinoisquilters.com)

**TOTAL :**

Please make checks payable to Illinois Quilters Inc. Bring form to IQI meeting or mail with check to:

Diane Greening, (address available in directory)

Refunds available up to 30 days in advance, minus a \$5 handling fee. Requests for refunds must be in writing and submitted in writing to workshop coordinator.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**2017-2018**

Membership directory Deadline: September 15, 2017  
-Directory listing is essential for Fine Art of Fiber participation-

Please **PRINT** clearly

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name :

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(as you want it on name badge & in directory)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone # \_\_\_\_\_ secondary phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* to receive OakLeaf newsletter \_\_\_\_\_  
*(OK to use my email, but please don't print it in directory)*

\*NOTE: for OakLeaf newsletter via snail mail, add \$10.00 below.

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Please indicate whether you are: NEW\*\* to IQI \_\_\_\_\_ renewing \_\_\_\_\_ returning after absence \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* How did you learn about IQI (friend, online search, Fine Art of Fiber, etc)?

FEES: \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 (through 6/30/17) or \$50.00 (from 7/01/17)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 if OakLeaf should be printed & mailed

\_\_\_\_\_ Library Fund (optional)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ paid by cash \_\_\_\_\_ / check # \_\_\_\_\_

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IQI is a volunteer organization and operates effectively only with everyone's help. Four hours of service a year is a suggested share. Please choose activity areas where you might like to help:

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|---|--|
| _____ Board (I would be willing to serve)         | _____ Potluck help, Dec. and/or June meeting |
| _____ Demonstrate a technique (explain on page 2) | _____ Challenge project for members          |
| _____ Fine Art of Fiber show/boutique             | _____ Quilt-In (members' weekend retreat)    |
| _____ Host a speaker in my home                   | _____ Help make raffle quilt                 |
| _____ Host at a workshop                          | _____ Help show raffle quilt at other guilds |
| _____ Help at library table at meetings           | _____ Service projects-in a group or at home |
| _____ Help at membership table at meetings        | _____ Webpage re-design team _____           |
| _____ Nominating committee for next Board         | _____ _____                                  |

## Demonstrations / Mini-Workshops

From time to time we have a program sharing the skills and wisdoms of our members. If you would like to be an instructor at such a meeting, please describe what you would like to share:

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### Business owners

As a member of IQI, if you have a business that sells quilts or quilt-related products you may be listed under "Area Shops" in the guild membership directory. Please provide this information:

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ URL or email \_\_\_\_\_

Text for directory (about goods & services offered)

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### Professional Quilting services and Related Activities

As a member, you may list your quilt-related services in the "professional Services" section\* in the guild membership directory. Please provide your text and check your specialties below. Submit with this completed form a copy of credentials or documentation, such as certification, that supports any claims.

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<input type="checkbox"/> appliqué	<input type="checkbox"/> craft shows	<input type="checkbox"/> quilting by machine
<input type="checkbox"/> appraisals	<input type="checkbox"/> demonstrations	<input type="checkbox"/> quilt photography
<input type="checkbox"/> baby quilts	<input type="checkbox"/> lectures	<input type="checkbox"/> quilt repair
<input type="checkbox"/> color consulting	<input type="checkbox"/> piecing	<input type="checkbox"/> workshops
<input type="checkbox"/> commissions	<input type="checkbox"/> quilting by hand	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

NOTE: This notice appears in the directory: "This section of our publication is provided as a free service to our members. As such, IQI, its officers, agents and representatives are not able to verify nor can we be responsible for the representations made in the advertisements. You should determine the accuracy of the representations, the credentials of the advertisers, as well as the quality of the services or goods before making purchases."



## There is no service day in August. However...

Diana and Lynn will have service projects available at the August IQI meeting for you to take home and finish, to be returned at a later meeting or brought to the September service meeting.

Complete a project at your leisure. Practice your quilting skills! Spend these super hot days in the cool air conditioning, finishing a lovely quilt for those in need.

**The 2018 Quilt-In is coming up in just 6 short months!** The registration form is coming soon on the website, and we will bring some to our August 3rd meeting. Keep working on those projects you started at the last Quilt-In for show-and-tell Friday night! Join us for a relaxing weekend of quilting and comradery. Registration opens up to other guilds on December 1st, so sign up now!

\*\* Let us know if you would like to volunteer your expertise by helping other quilters who have hit a roadblock with their projects.

Sarah Schneider  
Anita Ruesch  
Angel Sidor

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***Our new membership year has begun! Renew or join now for \$50 to be eligible to take books out of the library, take a class, go on the Madison Quilt Expo bus trip, and participate in the Fine Art of Fiber. Membership forms are available on the website and at the membership table at meetings. You may also go online to pay using PayPal, or mail a check to: Illinois Quilters, Inc., PO Box 39, Wilmette, IL 60091-0039.***

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## Library News

We hope you've been having a great summer and had plenty of time to enjoy the library books you checked out in May. All books will be due back at the August 3, 2017 meeting at Beth Hillel. Let us know to renew them if you can't make the meeting.

This fiscal year we will be having "library days" only 4 times. Because of the location changes we will only be meeting at Beth Hillel (where the books reside) in August and September of 2017 and February and May of 2018. You'll get some long stretches to enjoy and use the many variety of books we have.

**During set up this year we will be only putting out books that have been circulated during the last 4 years.** The other books will stay in the cabinet, but be available for checkout if you ask specifically for them. We will have our laptop with the book catalog with us to check on any inquires.

We have utilized some fabulous book sales this summer including "Modern machine quilting: make a perfectly finished quilt on your home machine" by Catherine Redford who is coming to IQI to talk and teach in February. We also have "Tula Pink's city sampler quilts: 100 modern quilt blocks" and "Line by design quilts: 17 projects featuring the innovative designs of Esch House Quilts" by Debbie Grifka and Sue Friend.

Linda Feinberg, Barbara Feinberg, Judy Maffris  
Library@illinoisquilters.com

## IQI Board Members

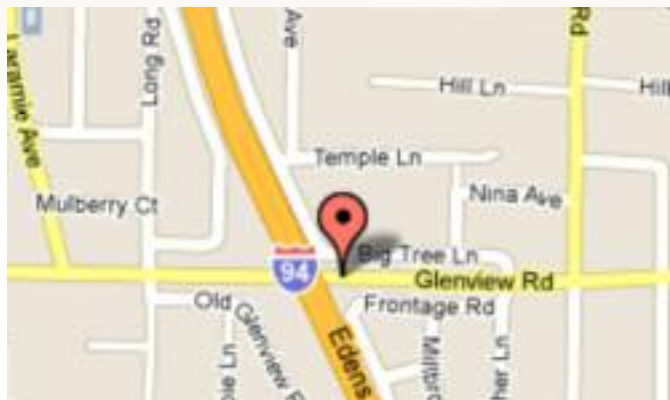
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## August Checklist

Sign up for membership  
 Sign up for a workshop  
 Quilt-In sign up  
 Volunteer for FAOF  
 Complete a service project  
 Sign up for bus trip  
 Take out a library book or two  
 Say hi to your fellow quilter  
 Quilt, quilt, quilt!



Beth Hillel



Gloria Dei