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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Bev Parker)

I hope you're all looking forward to being back together in person after two months at home on Zoom.

Winter is over and spring is looking most promising. To kick off spring, we have another great program scheduled.

Look below for more information about the event with Kathryn Pellman.

Heidi Enright has generously agreed to serve as our nominations chair, with several open board positions.

Please consider serving, especially if you have never served on a guild board. It's a one-year commitment starting in July and a great way to get more involved. You'll make friends you might not know otherwise. Please say "Yes!" when Heidi calls.

Looking ahead two months to May, we have our annual philanthropy sew-in, always a productive and fun evening.

We'll also sponsor our second annual Bring a Friend Open House. It was so successful last year that we're doing it again.

There's no guest fee, so please encourage a friend to join you.

MARCH 3/12/24 GUEST SPEAKER

**Kathryn Pellman—Fashionistas, Word Salad, Girlfriends and Some Angry Women and Not So Angry Woman
Word Salad + Cartoon Stories + Fashion + Quilting**

What Is a Fashionista?

A Fashionista is commonly defined as a devoted follower of fashion, although not necessarily someone who follows trends.

My idea of a Fashionista is someone who approaches getting dressed as an art form. She is stylish and expresses herself artfully through her clothes and accessories. Her body is a canvas that expresses her creativity. My Fashionistas are strong, independent, original, confident, and powerful women. They combine femininity and feminism with a splash of humor.

What Is Word Salad?

Word Salad is a type of found poem and literary collage. As with my Fashionista quilts, I create Word Salad by cutting up fun, conversational prints from multiple fabric lines. Sometimes the words arrange themselves revealing a theme for the poem, while at other times I pick the words and phrases that speak to me. My Word Salad poems are always a surprise to me.

What Are Angry Women?

Angry Women is my response to my feelings about current social issues, although, I am starting to include some traditional quilting and fashion inspired pieces.



PROGRAMS (Nancy Sturgeon)**April 9, 2024, Joyce Hughes**

Joyce is an award-winning self-taught quilter, fiber artist and author.

Her first quilt was a t-shirt quilt, which she enjoyed making, but felt limited in the ability to express her artistic capabilities.

Within several months, she began to design pictorial landscape quilts using raw edge applique, thread painting, and a variety of

embellishments.

Never knowing the “rules” she broke a lot of them, but with exciting results! Joyce has written two books about dimensional thread painting on panels: *Creating Art Quilts with Panels* and *Thread Paint a Garden Quilt*.

Joyce uses fabric panels as the base to create dimension and texture with threads and embellishments. For her classes she uses custom-made panels from photos she has taken in her garden.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Nancy Sturgeon)**RQG PROGRAMS 2024-2025**

June 11, 2024, Rummage Sale & Anniversary Party

July 9, 2024, Zoom—Michael James—*Past Forward*

August 13, 2024—Schoolhouse—Sherry Gendel, organizer

September 10, 2024—Zoom—Cindy Grisdela *Anatomy of an Improv Quilt*

October 15, 2024—Small Quilt Auction/Other Fundraising Event

November 12, 2024—Zoom—Jaimie Davis—*Baltimore Album Quilts*

December 10, 2024—Zoom—Audrey Esarey—*Foundation Paper Piecing*

January 14, 2025—Zoom—Ellen Lindner—*Playing with Fabric*

February 11, 2025—Zoom—*Antique Quilts*—Janis Arquette, Nancy Sturgeon, Darlene Schille, etc.

March 11, 2025—Philanthropy Sew-In

April 8, 2025—Zoom—Amy Struckmeyer—*Reframe Your Color*

May 13, 2025—Zoom—open.

SPECIAL EVENTS (Sherry Gendel)**Mystery BOM for March**

I hope you're sewing along with the Mystery Block of the Month for 2024. Details were shared in the January newsletter BUT it's not too late to join in the fun! I'm sewing along with a red, white, and blue color palette trying to use all fabrics from my stash (I may have cheated just a bit and purchased a couple more lights that I realized I needed for contrast...shhh!)

If you want to try making just a few blocks, you can still use them in a project on their own.

- One 16" block would make a perfect sized pillow.
- A group of 3 or 5 of the 16" blocks would be a great table runner!
- If you want to try the smaller 8" blocks (they're pretty cute!), you can put them together in a group of 4 to make a pillow!
- Add a few more 8" blocks to make a table topper or runner.
- You can even combine four of the 8" blocks with 16" blocks for some more variation in your projects!
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There are lots of options if you don't want to make a full quilt but still want to participate. I hope you'll try making a block or two and bring your block(s) or completed item(s) to an upcoming Show and Tell.

Here are this month's links:

- [March 2024 Block Pattern](#)
- [March 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)

(and here are January and February links in case you missed them)

1. [Fabric Requirements for AQL BOM 2024](#)
2. [January 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [January 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)
3. [February 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [February 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)

As a quick reminder, one of our past speakers, Sherri McConnell of A Quilting Life, has agreed to let us run her mystery BOM as a guild special event this year. Each participant needs to download the pattern from Sherri's website, so the links provided will take you to the blog post where you can find the pattern.

Please contact Sherry Gendel at RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com with any questions

SPECIAL EVENTS Continued (Sherry Gendel)

Spring Challenge – UPDATED FINISH DATE

Due to the scheduled Philanthropy Sew-in for May and the Guild Party and Rummage Sale for June, the deadline to complete your Spring Challenge project has been moved to the JULY guild meeting.

To commemorate our guild's 30th anniversary, members are invited to create a quilted item (details outlined below). If possible, our collection of 30th anniversary items will be displayed in a location in downtown Naperville to celebrate our guild's milestone anniversary and help build awareness for our guild. Please help make our display beautiful and eye-catching to the community by participating in the Spring Challenge!

Spring Challenge Theme: **Riverwalk 30**

Challenge Due Date: **July guild meeting, July 9, 2024**

Challenge Overview:

- Make a quilted item that represents the word "Riverwalk" and the number "30".
- Your interpretation of the word and number does not need to be literal interpretations – get creative if you'd like!
- Makers should be prepared to allow their item to be on display locally for a short period of time after the challenge (dates and location are still TBD)

Challenge Instructions:

1. Make your quilted item using the guidelines above.
2. If it is not obvious when looking at your item, write a brief explanation of how you interpreted the word "Riverwalk" and the number "30."
3. Bring your completed item and the written explanation to the July guild meeting for display.
4. Members will vote for the top 3 entries at the July meeting.
5. Challenge winners will be announced at the August meeting and will receive a prize.

Questions? Contact Sherry Gendel, Special Events Chair, RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP (Margaret Zitt)

We are looking for new members for next year. Please ask if any of your family or friends would like to join next year. We will have both in person and Zoom meetings.

I have read many of the quilt books in our collection. I have not seen any of these titles that I saw on the internet.

- Honey, I Shrunk the Quilt by R. U. Kidding
- Always Buy an Extra Yard by Justin Case
- Shop Hop Carpooling by Phil M. Up
- Wind Those Bobbins! By M. T. Spools
- Addicted to Quilt Shops by C. U. Sune
- Labeling Your Quilt Tools by M. R. Mine
- Finishing Your Quilt Edges by Ima Binder
- What's the Point of It All? By U. R. A. Needle
- Softening Your Quilting Callouses by Lana Lynn

QUILTING BEE'S (Sherry Gendel)

Bee Interest Forms Due at March Meeting

We currently have a small handful of Bee Availability Forms that have been turned in. With just a few more we should be able to start two small, new bees – one for daytime and one for evenings/weekends.

If you are interested in joining a bee, plan to bring your interest form to the March meeting so we can include you! You can complete the Bee Availability Form at the meeting check-in table, or you can download the form from our website (in the Forms section of the Home tab).

Completed forms can be turned in at the membership check-in table at an in-person meeting or emailed to RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com. *Please watch for a confirmation email that it has been well-received and reach out to Sherry Gendel directly (contact info in the membership directory) if you don't receive a confirmation.*

If you are part of an existing bee that is interested in having new members join your group, please contact Sherry Gendel to share your bee meeting days and times so new bee members can be matched to your group based on their availability to meet.

LIBRARY (Sandy Doubek & Judy Morgan)
<p>Since the February meeting was on Zoom there's not much about the library to report.</p> <p>We do have the 110+ books that were donated & at some point will be cataloging them and making them available for checking out.</p> <p>Judy Morgan</p>

SOCIAL MEDIA (Margaret Donahue)
<p>Happy Quilting Month from Social Media! Please send me any updates you have for personal show and tell or quilt events or postings you think might interest the rest of the group.</p> <p>The Instagram Quiltfest will continue again this year. Quilters on Instagram introduce themselves and follow daily prompts to engage with followers and other interested folk. Spring is on the way. See you in person this month.</p> <p>Margaret Donahue Mdonahue1068@gmail.com @magm3501 #materialgirlsrqg—my bee hashtag www.Riverwalkquilters.com Guild website @naperriverwalkquilts Guild instagram</p>

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<p>Sandy Doubek, Co-Librarian (former philanthropy chair and co-chair of the first RQG quilt show).</p> <p>I've been in the guild for 20 years and sewing since I was in grade school. I sewed a cover garment for Sew News Magazine. I made baby quilts quite often, but it wasn't until my friend invited me to her guild that I got "hooked"!</p> <p>I love all types of quilting, but especially love working on scrappy quilts. My biggest challenge is finding time to do what I love in this busy life, like getting away for a couple of quilt retreats a year so I can just quilt and be with wonderful friends I've made through quilting.</p> <p>My husband and I have been married 43 years. We have three children and a granddaughter.</p> <p>We care for our two moms who live with us, and we're involved in the church we love.</p> <p>I work at Crate & Barrel Outlet, and I like to garden and enjoy baking and cooking.</p>

<p>Judy Morgan, Co-Librarian:</p> <p>I grew up sewing (one of my very early memories is of sewing when I was probably around four). However, I did not grow up in a quilting family and didn't know anything about the art.</p> <p>After I was married, my husband decided to go for his PhD and we moved to Waterloo, Ontario Canada in 1968. That area had a very large Mennonite population, and quilts were everywhere. I began to admire them but did not pursue the craft.</p> <p>I started quilting in the mid-1980s when we lived in Ann Arbor, and I took a class at the Art Association.</p> <p>We moved to Lisle in 1986 and I continued to quilt on my own. One day, while I was at Stitches and Stuffing, I saw a flyer about a new quilt guild that was forming (RQG). I went to that first meeting and joined, becoming a charter member. I have continued to quilt, although not very prolifically, since then.</p> <p>When I'm not quilting, I enjoy nature photography (I'm a member of the Morton Arboretum Nature Photography Society), bird watching (member of the DuPage Birding Club), I sing in the DuPage Chorale (a community choir) and am active in my church.</p> <p>I've enjoyed my time in the guild, but, unfortunately, will be leaving at the end of summer when I move to North Carolina, where I will be near family. A guild and quilt store are in my new town of Mooresville.</p>

NEWSLETTER ADS

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly.

To submit articles for inclusion, contact our RQG Newsletter Chair by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Guild members may place free ads for personal use only.

Please make sure the ad is directly related to our shared hobby.

If the ad is for a business, Rates are as follows:

Full Page: \$50.00

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