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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer greetings! Our new year is under way, and all is going well.

The board met for the first time and is working hard to present super programs for the year.

We started in July with Maine's Kitty Wilkin who made a charming Zoom presentation of the quilts she photographs "in the wild."

Our August 8 program will feature Laura Hartrich of Oak Park, Illinois who will talk to us about "Labels as a Love Language."

This is another special presentation and, what's more, she'll be in person! You can join us on Zoom if you prefer, but you'll miss the camaraderie and enjoyment of being together—and you'll miss the raffle!

We'll also have a chance to buy raffle tickets for a quilt on display from the Itasca quilting group.

Looking ahead, our October 17th meeting is the Small Quilt Auction, the proceeds of which help fund our programs for next year. Planning is underway, but it won't be a success unless everyone participates.

Please be thinking of what you can make and contribute to a best-ever auction. It takes all of us!

Looking forward to seeing you this year.

Happy quilting,  
Bev Parker

## GUEST SPEAKER August 8, 2023 "Labels as a Love Language"

**LAURA HARTRICH** of Oak Park, Illinois, is an artist working mostly with quilts.

She will be in person at our August meeting and will also be broadcast over Zoom talking about quilt labels for every kind of quilt.

Do you have antique quilts from your family and have no idea who made them? Wouldn't it have been nice if the maker had left you some information about the quilt and herself?

Laura will discuss how labels factor into her quilt-making practice.



### GUILD LECTURE—

#### In Person Knox Church & also on Zoom

In this presentation Laura will talk about how labels factor into her quilt-making practice.

She will share many images as she discusses technique, inspiration, and motivation for creating labels as detailed and unique as her quilts themselves.

Every quilt needs a label!

<http://www.laurahartrich.com/>

instagram @laurahartrich

I hope you enjoyed hearing Kitty Wilkin talk about photographing quilts at our July meeting. I certainly learned a lot. Her photos were fabulous.

Now I know how to communicate with my husband when I ask for his help in holding my quilts for photographs. I will now try to take more interesting photos of my quilts—rule of 3!

September 12—Julia McLeod



Julia McLeod is an international award-winning quilt maker living and working near San Francisco.

Born and raised in England, she worked as a textile designer in the woolen and worsted mills of Yorkshire and Scotland before taking a job with a luxury tailoring company on London’s Savile Row.

A design position at a menswear company in New York City brought her to the US. Julia discovered quilt making on travels through the small Amish towns of Pennsylvania.

Since 2016 she has specialized in making silk quilts, sourcing her fabrics from neckties, clothing and furnishing fabrics.

She has a passion for reuse and recycling, which leads her to rescue vintage blocks and textiles. These reclaimed fabrics become the starting point for her quilt designs.

<https://juliamcleodquilts.com>.

Everything but the Cotton—Let’s explore the world of quilts that were made with what I call ‘Not Cottons’. When quilters don’t have access to a stash of quilter’s cotton, what do they turn to?

This one-hour lecture, trunk show, and Q & A session shows quilts – antique and modern – made of wool, silk, polyester and more.

The trunk show of Julia’s work shows what you can create with neckties, saris, kimonos, and other unusual, ‘not cotton’ textiles.

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am -2 pm  
Grace Church upper level.

Silk Tie Wall Hanging (6 blocks or more).



Location to be determined. If you know of a place that we can use for the above Saturday morning, please let me know.

We will split the rent between those of us in the class.

Cost is minimal--No teaching fee—morning class?

You will learn simple foundation paper piecing in order to construct the blocks for a small wall hanging made from men’s silk or polyester neckties.

I have a zillion ties here that I am in the process of deconstructing so I think you will be able to choose enough ties for the project from my stash or you can bring your own.

They will need to be washed and pressed before class. You will also need some men’s cotton shirts.

Save the buttons. More details to follow on supplies.

I will have a sign-up sheet and tie prep instructions at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting along with the larger quilt I made and several wall hangings.

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 83 members who have returned this year. I am waiting for about 20 others to sign up. They probably will bring me their dues at the Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Remember to check in at the membership table to get your raffle ticket and wear your name tag to be eligible for the door prizes.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We brought approximately half of the RQG library materials to the July meeting.

There were several items checked in & a number checked out. The idea is to bring the other half to the August meeting.

Please return any books from last month and check out something new for inspiration!

We received several boxes of donated books; we will sort them and see if the library could benefit from them.

Thank you to Lynn and Linda for getting them!

## VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS

Hi everyone,

Two things:

We are still in need of a person to help with the video communication position.

The job requires knowledge of zoom and organization skills to coordinate other helpers. I am willing to train you on Zoom.

For show and tell we need a laptop or tablet with a rear camera that can be signed into the zoom meeting and project to the zoom audience. If you can help with that, please contact me ASAP.

As always, if you would like to be moderator during the year at one or more of our meetings, I will train you for that also. Join in the fun this year!

Please contact me at [RQGVideoCom@gmail.com](mailto:RQGVideoCom@gmail.com) to discuss.

Thank you for all that you do!  
Kathleen Herbach

## PHOTO DIRECTORY

I still need a few more pictures for the photo directory.

Let me know if I can get your picture at Tuesday's meeting.

## PHILANTHROPY

We are excited to be your new chairpersons for Philanthropy. Currently we are processing two large donations of fabric, partial quilt tops and fully pieced tops by an anonymous member of our guild.

On August 5 we will attempt to merge what we have and get it organized enough to have some really enticing projects to pick up at the Tuesday meeting! We are also getting familiar with the process, so we ask for your patience and kindness during this transition.

LISA KLINGBEIL and SANDY HERATY

## QUILTING BEES

Quilting bees are friendship groups. They can decide what the group will do. They can learn new techniques, work on their own quilts, or together on a quilt.

Sometimes they work on a project for philanthropy, the small quilt auction, or a competition quilt. They share the projects they are working on.

They can meet at a member's home or in a meeting room of their choice.

Maybe they just want to go to lunch!

We have 23 members interested in joining a bee. We will have to make several bees.

I hope we can get together and set up groups that might want to be together in a bee.

## SMALL QUILT AUCTION

The Riverwalk Small Quilt Auction will be held at:  
Grace Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville, IL.  
using a professional auctioneer.

This auction is our most important money-making event. We use this money to cover our expenses for room rental for our meetings, speaker fees (which just keep climbing), supplies for philanthropy, etc.

Every RQG member is asked to donate an item or two that they have recently made. We don't accept bed-sized quilts, and it doesn't have to be a quilt, but can be smaller decorative items.

You can donate wall hangings, table runners, placemats, baby quilts, smaller quilts, fabric wrapped rope baskets, etc. Fall, Halloween, and winter holiday items usually sell for a fair price.

We also need you to attend the auction and to invite your friends to the auction as non-member guests have historically been our best buyers.

Prior to the event, members hang the items in the room for best viewing.

During the auction, each piece is paraded around the room so guests and members may once again check it out.

Last year in addition to the auction, we included a boutique for smaller items \$5-\$25 that can be purchased outright such as pillowcases, aprons, etc.

This is a very festive night, and everyone has an exciting time. Start planning and sewing your auction donations now.

Time flies... We will also need many of you to help on the night of the auction.

I will have a signup sheet at the August and September meetings. You can also email me to volunteer your time towards the auction. I will find a place for you. Our auction is a wonderful way to get involved with RQG.

Nancy Sturgeon, Auction Chair  
Any questions, please email me at [RQGauction@gmail.com](mailto:RQGauction@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL MEDIA

It is BACK to School Month locally so it may be a wonderful time to learn some new techniques to share your quilting events and projects.

As a guild we will use Facebook and Instagram to share info about our October Auction.

#2023RQGauctionOctober17 will be the hashtag to use whenever you post a picture of your donations.

This hashtag used to sort on Instagram can give a complete picture catalog of the offerings. For a club with a small budget using social media is a great bargain to advertise our auction which is an important part of our program's budget.

On our Facebook page I have posted a QR code. Putting your phone camera or the QR app over this code will take you to 2022 offerings at our auction.

It is fun to see what has been put up for auction in the past and inspire us to begin sewing our donations.

Some of you are resistant to social media. I understand, but it is the best way to keep our show and tell going in between meetings. Even if you don't want to post, signing on and liking things that other members post gets our viewing algorithms to increase which is good for fundraising and overall exposure for the guild.

The guild would love to learn about your favorite IG and FB sites. Just yesterday I found a pink and grey lattice pillow idea by @modernquiltstudio. They were posting pink in sync with the Barbie movie release. This quilting couple from Oak Park has spoken at our meetings in the past.

Modern Quilt Studio just released their 2024 calendar which has sold out in the past, so I ordered one of those!

Yes...social media marketing works.

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#materialgirlsrqg—my bee hashtag  
[www.Riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.Riverwalkquilters.com) Guild website  
naperriverwalkquilts Guild Instagram

## AQS – It's what keeps quilting going!

Wouldn't you love to be able to attend all of the major quilt shows and see in person the award-winning quilts? The next best thing is becoming an American Quilter's Society member.

AQS membership offers discounts on assorted services, and members receive 6 magazines per year which offer tips, trends, patterns, and most of all the award-winning quilts from all their shows. AQS also has ongoing special shows at the wonderful museum in Paducah.

While AQS is not the only organization that promotes quilting, it has been a long-standing champion of quilting with many shows across the country such as Daytona Beach, Des Moines, Grand Rapids and of course the premiere show in Paducah each spring.

Say "yes" to AQS, become a member, enjoy the benefits, and help sponsor the many facets of American quilting.

Website: [www.americanquilter.com](http://www.americanquilter.com)

## 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

**Half Page:** \$25.00

**Quarter Page:** \$12.50

**Eighth Page:** \$5.00

Full page ad available for a single month only.

Make checks out to **Riverwalk Quilters Guild** and mail to the following address:

Riverwalk Quilters Guild  
PO Box 5092  
Naperville, IL 60567

## AROUND TOWN

Naper Settlement has been hosting a series of events on 19th century clothing.

Friday, 8/11, 8:30-10am will be a demo on Visible Mending, a hot trend.

For more information visit:  
[NaperSettlement.org/Infrastructure](http://NaperSettlement.org/Infrastructure)



**2023 – 2024 RQG EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

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