

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message **Cheryl Sleboda**

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Spring has sprung, but I'm still looking forward to more sunny days ahead. This winter has felt very "grey". For once, I'm actually looking forward to being outside and in the garden.

Time is running short for us to fill next year's Board. We are still looking for folks to fill the following spots on the board:

Secretary
Contracts
Hospitality
Library
January Party
Raffle Quilt
Show Chair
Nominations Chair

Thank you to everyone who is filling a spot or renewing their position on the board! Please feel free to email me if you need any information on what the position entails. We'd love to have you on the board with us.

We had planned to send you all the guild by laws and policies and procedures so that we could vote on them next month, but we found an omission and we have to fill that in before we send them to all of you to review. Our "itty bitty by laws committee" has worked VERY hard to revise these and we're almost ready to send them to you.

One more thing, we heard nothing but great feedback about moving the "show n tell" part of the meeting to before the break. We plan to move ahead with this change going forward.

Happy Spring to everyone!

Cheryl

April 11

Philanthropy Sew-In **Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis**

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Let's Chat about our April SEW- IN..... Our annual sew in will take place on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. We will need many people to bring their machine and sew. It wouldn't be a Sew-In without it...right? To date we have 6 people signed up to participate that night. I hope that you will consider joining us.

We are sewing scrappy 12.5 blocks. This will allow us to create larger quilt tops. To make a block you will sew together six 2.5" strips until you get your length. Cut and square up to 12.5". The blocks will be sewn together by alternating the blocks vertically and horizontally. 4 blocks across (48") and 5 blocks down (60"). We can add a 2.5" scrappy (or not) border to stabilize all the open seams. This will finish at 50" x 62". Here is what we will be doing:



If you will be Sewing....

Bring your machine, thread and anything else you need to sew. Pre-cut strips will be provided. You will be sewing strips together for blocks, sewing blocks into rows and sewing rows together to complete the quilt top. To make our Sew-In a success, please consider Sewing.

We have other tasks that will require a few members to help with:

Cutting – Bring a rotary cutter, mat and ruler. You will be cutting strips and trimming blocks.

Ironing – We will have three ironing stations possibly 4. Irons and boards will be supplied.

Prepping and Assembly – You will be assisting people who are sewing. Gather strips to be sewn, prepping blocks for row construction and assembling row for top completion.

IF you have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly by phone or email us. You can sew blocks at home and turn in at the April Sew In. We have donated fabric available to use for strips. We cut strips at the February retreat so we have a good start.

What to Bring April 11

- Name Tags
- Sewing Equipment
- Treats if you signed up and favorite mug

At the March Meeting we received the following:

Quilt

Terri Hayes -1
Judy Long -2
Linda Yokelson – 1
Heidi Enright – 1
Lyn Kmiecik -

Quilt Tops

Darlene Schille -1
Camille Padilla – 1
Joan Dolinar – 1
Jean Hilderbrand - 1

Bird House Squares

Kathleen Herback - 4
Mary Walschot - 4

Heart Pillows

Joan Dolinar – 3

Miscellaneous Donations

Norma Beckemeier 2 flannel receiving blankets, 1 fleece blanket kit

Sew in Blocks

Mary Walschot – 5
Yvette Thorn – 10

Cutting Strips for the Sew In

Karen Jordan – one bag of many 2.5 strips

The following members have helped with finishing work:

Anita Nothdurft – binding work – 1 returned
Darlene Schille – binding work – 1 returned
Donna Millican – binding work – 2 returned
Nancy Niswander – binding work -1 returned

As always, if we have missed anyone or misspelled your name we are very sorry.

Thank you to all for your help with Philanthropy Sewing and for all you do to support us.

**May 9
Lisa Binkley
“Adding Sparkle & Texture to your
Quilts”**

Lisa Binkley holds a B.S. in Textiles & Design from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Formerly a public policy analyst, she has maintained an active fiber art studio since 2000 and exhibits her award-winning work nationwide. Her work has been selected for inclusion in major exhibitions including those of the American Quilters' Society, International Quilt Association, Crafts National, CraftForms, and Wisconsin Artists Biennial. Lisa and her artwork have been featured on local and national television, in internationally-distributed books and magazines, and in many local publications. Her art is represented in private and corporate collections. Lisa enjoys sharing her passion for fiber and beads through her artwork, classes, and lectures, and she teaches throughout the U.S. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin with her husband, their two young-adult children, and their sweet fluffy dog.

Whether you're interested in trying bead embellishment for the first time or you've done some embellishment but are looking for additional inspiration, this lecture is for you. You'll learn step-by-step instructions for embellishing your quilts and garments with beads and see 75-100 images of Lisa's beadwork for additional inspiration. This lecture includes the display of some of Lisa's quilts and smaller framed work and is about 1 hour in length, including time for Q&A with the audience.

**May 10 Workshop
Lisa Binkley
Bead Embroidered Mini Quilts**

There are several openings for the May beading workshop with Lisa Binkley. It is on Wednesday, May 10 from 9:30-4:00 in the classroom at Quilter's Quest. Your fee will cover supplies provided by Lisa, and no sewing machines are needed. If you have any questions, email Lenore at lenorehrejsa@hotmail.com.

In this workshop students explore both simple and more complex bead embroidery techniques while creating a beautiful beaded mini quilt for their home, as a gift for someone special, or to be incorporated into a wearable art object such as a jacket or small handbag. Lisa makes kits containing the ornate fabric base for each project as well as coordinated beads and thread and detailed instructions. The beads for each project are carefully selected to represent a wide range of the beautiful shapes, sizes, and finishes of beads available today.

***June 13, 2017
Susan Cleveland of
Pieces be with You***

Susan Cleveland is known for her enthusiasm and clever solutions to quilting challenges. She has enjoyed teaching her techniques and meeting quilters internationally. Her quilts, showcasing impeccable workmanship and eye catching details, have received seven awards at International Quilt festivals in Houston and many other shows.

Join us with one of the most enthusiastic personalities for ooo's and aaahs and laughter to learn a plethora of tips to increase accuracy and add fresh, interesting details with piping, prairie points, heavy threads and embellishments. See how to take show pieces to new levels and add charming surprises to simple pieces. Susan will share the live quilts with close-ups through the projector so you're sure to see oodles of detail. Don't miss out on this good time.

***June 14, 2017
Susan Cleveland
Workshop***

Susan's workshop on Disappearing Dresdens will be held the Wednesday after our meeting. This will be a project workshop where we will be sewing and cutting based on her Dresden Plate techniques and pattern.

The workshop will be held at a new location for the guild, Naperville Bank and Trust, on the corner of Aurora Ave and Fort Hill Drive. The time is from 9:00 – 3:30 and the cost is \$65 and \$5 for lunch if you choose. Please join us for a fun

Small Quilt Auction Chair Needed

As you may know, the Guild is in need of a Chairperson(s) to lead the auction in October 2017. This is a great opportunity to be involved with an exciting fundraising event for the guild. This role also lends itself to being a shared role, if you would prefer to take on the role with another. If you have good organizational skills, then you are qualified! As exiting Chair, I will provide you with the guidance to be successful....I will not let you fail. So, if you have been considering stepping up to an active role, please let me know and I will be glad answer any questions. Thanks for your consideration.

Rosemary Sanza

Hospitality
Tracy Husch-Lissak
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Hello members!

I would like to invite you to bring sweet and savory treats for the April meeting. We will all be very busy working on philanthropic quilts and will need an occasional break.

Thank you for continuing to bring mugs from home to help us go green!
Thank you!

Tracy Husch-Lissak

Membership
Yvette Thorn & Linda Kurcz
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Membership stands at 111 members. There were 50 members at the March meeting. Membership renewals will begin in May for 2017-18 as we approach the end of this membership year in July. Annual membership dues are \$35.

Thank you,
Linda & Yvette

Library News
Carol Rubek & Judy Long
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We have had requests for new books. They have been ordered and should be available at our next meeting.

1. Catherine Redford: Modern Machine Quilting
2. Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks
3. Denyse Schmidt: Modern Quilts, Traditional Inspiration
4. Cynthia England: Picture Piecing: Creating Dramatic Quilts

If anyone has any other requests, please notify Carol Rubek or Judy Long

Special Events
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Member's Subsidize Sewing Retreat

We raised the idea to have the Subsidize Sewing Retreat twice a year at the March Board Meeting. We were given the go ahead, so we will start working on a date for the Fall Retreat. We will publish the date in the newsletter once the date is determined.

2017 Riverwalk Quilters Guild Quilt Challenge

We have 24 members signed up for the Quilt Challenge, Two Color Quilt. The challenge information rules are included in this newsletter and posted on the website at

<http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/quilt-challenge-2017.html>.

See one of us to sign-up for the challenge at the April meeting.

The finished projects are due at the May 9, 2017 meeting and voting for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd viewer awards will be done by the attendees that night.

Please contact one of us if you have any questions about the quilt challenge. We are excited to see all the entries by our talented members.

Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and Nancy Ebel
rqqspecialevents@gmail.com

Sue Damitz

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

May 6-8, 2016 Nancy Mahoney lectures and teaches two workshops on her paper piecing a pineapple block with a twist, in three sizes, and Granny's Squares.

Each artist has class limits. Full information is found at illinoisquilters.com.

Martha Ross-Mockaitis, IQI
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2017 Riverwalk Quilters Guild Quilt Challenge
Theme: Two Color Quilt

General Information:

1. You must be a member to participate
2. \$5 fee to enter and get the rules and information; \$5 refundable if challenge is completed.
3. Only one entry per person
4. First available date to enter is January 10, 2017.
5. Finished projects are due on May 9, 2017, 7:00 PM at the meeting
6. Voting for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will take place May 9, 2017 by all those in attendance at the meeting.
7. Prizes will be awarded
8. All entries may be exhibited at local venues to spread word of our quilting passion

Rules:

1. Make a quilt/wall hanging/project using only two colors – the display of red and white quilts was the inspiration for the challenge. Try grey and tangerine, black and white, pink and blue...
2. Any style is fine: traditional, modern, contemporary, art
3. Finished size perimeter should be no more than 80", but greater than or equal 20".
Examples of permitted sizes are: 20"X20", 10"X30", 16" X 20", 10" X 10", 5"X5"
4. The quilt must be totally and completely finished; quilts must have two layers of cloth filled with batting and be quilted
5. Attach a 4" sleeve on the back
6. Include a label on the back with your name and phone number
7. You may add any embellishments as long as they contain only the two colors you chose.
8. Attach the entry form

2017 Riverwalk Quilters Guild Quilt Challenge

Theme: Two Color Quilt

Entry Form

Quilt Entry # [filled in by Committee Member]
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Please complete and include with your entry.

Name: _____

Quilt Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Are you a member of the Guild? YES / NO (You need to be to enter the contest.)

You will be given the bottom part of the sheet with your Quilt Entry #. This must be given to us at the end of the meeting to reclaim your project.

Bottom part will be filled in by Committee Member

Cut Here

Pin on entry for voting identification

Quilt Entry #

Cut Here

Given to participant to be returned to reclaim your project

Quilt Entry #

Website
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Riverwalk Quilters Guild
2016-2017 Board & Committees

If you need something added or changed on the website www.riverwalkquilters.com, please email Kathleen Pallardy at the rqqwebsite@gmail.com

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<http://www.facebook.com/Riverwalk>

Riverwalk Quilters Guild meetings
 - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
 Grace United Methodist Church
 300 E Gartner Road, Naperville, IL
 RQG Board meetings – 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm
 Grace Church

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	--Co-Chair Needed
Nominating Chair (2017/2018 Board Year)	Maria Peeples
January Holiday Party	Doreen Tout
	Mary Walschot
Rummage Sale	Nancy Sturgeon
Raffle Quilt Chair & Committee	****Open

