



RIVERWALK QUILTERS GUILD

Newsletter

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What to Bring to Meeting

August 13 meeting is **in person** only beginning at 7pm. Doors Open at 6:30pm.

Bring your name tag, notebook & pen

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President's Message

Our new year is underway with a great schedule of events for our monthly meetings. However, in order to continue offering wonderful programs, we need one or two volunteers to plan them. It's a super opportunity to invite those speakers you'd love to meet. We also have a list of recommended speakers we haven't been able to fit in yet—and their calendars are filling up. Please consider this job. I'd love to hear from you and also welcome you to the board.

We have a new bee, called PhilanthroBee, organized by Amy Shuter. The first meeting was last month and was a great success. For more information about the group, see Amy's note below.

Please join us in person (no zooming this month) for Schoolhouse. Sherry Gendel has lined up five fabulous members to teach us. Her note is also below.

Due to the space and time needed for Schoolhouse, we won't have philanthropy, library, or free tables, and no show and tell. We'll bring all that back in September. See you soon.

Happy quilting,
Bev Parker

It's Back to School Time!

The fun guild tradition known as School House will be returning at our August meeting! Be sure to attend this in-person only event to learn some fun and exciting techniques from some of our talented guild members who will be serving as our schoolhouse "teachers".

Here's a list of the short "classes" that will be offered:

- Applipops (perfect turned-edge circles) – Loraine Nemo
- Quickest potholder ever – Carol Wilhoit
- Selvedge tote bag – Heidi Enright
- Using silk ties in quilts – Svetlana Gluskin

You will get to attend all of the classes so bring your notepad and pen and come ready to learn!

Please note: Due to the schedule of this event, there will be NO show and tell at the August meeting.
Sherry Gendel

Library News

Due to Schoolhouse, there will be no library at our August meeting. However, books may be returned to either Sandy Doubek or Loraine Nemo. See you in September!

Small Quilt Auction

Mark Your Calendar!

The small quilt auction is coming up Thursday, October 10 at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 East Gartner Road, lower level. Put the date on your calendar!

We are having the live auction and boutique that evening. Our favorite Auctioneer Matt Hart will lead us. He is so much fun. I hope you are all starting to make something for this annual event.

Some examples are:

Small Quilts, baby quilts, quilted wall hangings, table, runners, and toppers. Use your imagination.

This is one of our main events that supports Riverwalk programs and charities and it's so much fun for everyone. I've already started on my donation quilt.

Thanks for all your help!
Darlene

What size quilt should you make?

Per Rosemary Sanza, former auction chairman:
"Technically, we have not had a size restriction, but we have said that a throw blanket size is what we recommend. We have sold antique quilts that have been bed sized. I would be hesitant to make/accept a large one. If it's going on someone's bed, they need a specific size and have a color scheme and usually even a style in mind. To hit all those things correctly and to get a decent amount for it during bidding would be unlikely. Remember that 2 people have to want it to get a good sale price. A good guideline for a throw is around 50" X 60"."

*"Do what you can,
when you can"*

Hello From Social Media

It's time to start promoting our auction! Please send me any photos you have of items you are making for this fall event!

Margaret Donahue

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Mystery BOM for August

This month's block for the 2024 Mystery Block of the Month uses lots of HSTs so you might want to pull some leftover HST units from previous blocks or even previous projects and make up this pretty block in one or both sizes! Based on your choice of color placement, you can create a pinwheel effect in the center the way pattern is written or you could create your own unique design.

Keep up all your good work if you're participating! We are more than halfway done with our blocks!

Here are this month's links:

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

(and here are all the previous links in case you missed them or want to start late and catch up)

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](#)
4. [March 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [March 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)
5. [April 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [April 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)
6. [May 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [May 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)
7. [June 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [June 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)
8. [July 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [July 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 Sherry Gendel

Spring Challenge- “RIVERWALK 30”



In case you missed it, here are the entries in the Spring Challenge, “Riverwalk 30”. Such beautiful work! Challenge participants were required to make a quilted item that represents the word “Riverwalk” and the number “30” and were allowed to get creative with their interpretation of the word and number. Members voted at the July meeting and winners will be announced at the August meeting!

PhilanthroBee has begun!

Our first bee meeting was a success and a good time! We made 46 Christmas stockings for Operation Support our Troops <https://www.osotamerica.org/>. We also made 7 pillowcases to pass on to the RQG Philanthropy Committee. Crocheted hearts for handing out to encourage people were also made. A quilt top was cut out. This shows the variety of projects we can work on during a bee meeting.

We have dates reserved for August through December 2024. If you are interested you can mark your calendars now: August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16. We meet at Community United Methodist, 20 N Center St in Naperville, in Room 308. And yes, there is an elevator! 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Come when you can, leave when you must. Feel free to bring a beverage and snack for yourself if you would like.

In August we plan to work on cool ties for the military via OSOT. Cool ties are narrow evaporative neck wraps that you soak in water before wearing. They are very

helpful for the servicemen in hot climates. We use PREWASHED 100 % cotton in solid military colors including navy, tan, gray and military green (or solid looking tone on tone fabrics in those colors). Some ties will be already cut and ready to sew. There will be some yardage ready to be cut into ties (width of fabric anywhere from 4” to 4 1/2”). I suggest bringing a yardstick or turning tool for turning them right side out. If you have PREWASHED fabrics that fit this description (which is what works best for the soldier’s needs) you can bring those to work on as well.

As always, you can bring the philanthropy project of your choice to work on!

Today I came across a motto for philanthropy that I found encouraging. “Do what you can when you can.” Looking forward to “doing what we can” together.

Please let me know if you plan to attend. You can reach me via email, text or phone call.

Thanks, Amy Shuter
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LOOKING FOR A QUILT PHOTOGRAPHER

I am planning a program for February 2025 on antique quilts owned by several of our members. Because we will be meeting on Zoom, I would like to photograph the quilts including close-ups and make a power point presentation for you to view. We will be able to see the quilts spread out whole and also see close-up photos of the quilting and piecing details and maybe applique details too.

Do any of you have any experience photographing quilts/antique quilts or have a space with good light where we could photograph them? I have looked this up on line, and most recommendations are for photographing outside in bright shade. These quilts do not have hanging sleeves. I have a quilt stand and rings with clips on them. We could use these for hanging each quilt.

Any ideas from you would be appreciated. I need your help to hang and photograph the quilts. There are quite a few.

In documenting the quilts, we will help the owners preserve their history.

Please contact me with your ideas and also if you own any antique quilts for the slide show. Thank you for your help.
Nancy Sturgeon

A Singer That Hums

If you were at our June guild party, you may have noticed the gem of a sewing machine that was left at the end of the evening. This sweet little machine is fully functional, and does a great straight stitch. You could say this Singer hums!



If anyone in the guild is interested in buying it, please make an offer. OR if you are someone who sells items on Next Door or Facebook Marketplace, and are willing to put the machine up for sale with proceeds going to our guild, please notify **Bev Parker** or **Loraine Nemo** for details and to make arrangements.

Get to Know Your Board and Committee Members

Carol Gruchala, Treasurer

I began quilting about 37 years ago when a friend asked me to take a quilting class with her. I then joined Prairie Star quilt guild. When Riverwalk Quilters Guild started, I became a charter member. I've been Treasurer, Secretary, Nominating Chair as well as working on all of the quilt show committees.

I belong to two quilt bees—Prairie Hearts and Empty Spools. I tend to like more contemporary patterns and fabrics...brights as well as black, white and red. Since I retired from a long career with the "phone company," I'm quilting more to attempt to reduce my stash collected when I didn't have time to quilt!

Linda Kurcz, Newsletter

I joined Riverwalk Quilters Guild in 2002 when I became more interested in quilting. I purchased my longarm quilting machine about that time. Inspired by my grandmothers and great aunts, I began making patchwork quilts. When I realized that "quilting" by machine was taking up most of my available time, the study and practice of quilting became my focus.

I now enjoy making art quilts on a smaller scale as well as making and quilting quilts for philanthropy.

I have served on past boards in Public Relations, Membership, Library and now Newsletter.

News From the Quilting Community

Upcoming Quilt Shows to Know About:

Aug. 21–24 AQS Grand Rapids

DeVos Place Convention Center

303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI

Sept. 5-7 - The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show

Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Sept. 24-Oct. 12- Annual Fiber Divas Fiber Art Show,

Naperville Fine Art Center, 508 N Center St. Naperville

Oct. 11-12 – Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild of

Morris, IL, Channahon United Methodist Church

Oct. 18-19 – Prairie Star Quilt Guild

DuPage Event Center and Fairgrounds

Nov. 1-3 – Fine Art of Fiber, Chicago Botanic Garden



For details about the *Parade* and how you can submit up to 3 quilts by September 24, 2024, click on this link:

<https://www.americanquilter.com/quilt-parade>



RQG Upcoming Programs 2024-2025

August 13, 2024—Schoolhouse

September 10, 2024—Zoom—Cindy Grisdela—

Reston, VA—*Anatomy of an Improv Quilt*

October 10, 2024—Small Quilt Auction at Grace

United Methodist Church, Naperville

November 12, 2024—Zoom—Jaimie Davis—W. Linn,

OR—*The History & Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts*

December 10, 2024—Holiday Meeting—sew-in,

games, sale of premium fabric (kits, fat quarters, etc.)

January 14, 2025—Zoom—Ellen Lindner—Melbourne,
FL—*Playing With Fabric*

February 11, 2025—Zoom—Antique Quilts

March 11, 2025—Philanthropy Sew-In

April 8, 2025—Zoom—Amy Struckmeyer—Oak Park,
IL—*Reframe Your Color Story*

May 13, 2025—Zoom—Audrey Esarey—Louisville,
KY—*Foundation Paper Piecing*

Membership Meetings

Are located at:

Knox Presbyterian Church
1105 Catalpa Lane
Naperville, IL 60540

And on Zoom. Link is provided
to members.

Doors open at 6:30pm
Meeting begins at 7:00pm

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
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