

# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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## **President's Message** **Cheryl Sleboda** [rqqpresident@gmail.com](mailto:rqqpresident@gmail.com)

This past weekend I went on a quilt retreat with friends. It was so nice to get away and sew things that were for me, not for a class or a show or anyone else. It was really nice to get away.

One of the things I did was quilt a top I made of blocks that a quilt guild made for me in Baltimore. As I told you earlier this Guild year, I was president of that guild in 2001/2002 and their tradition was to make blocks as a thank you to the outgoing president. So yes, those blocks and the top... they are 15 years old!

That got me thinking... it's not my oldest UFO (UnFinished Object) in my stash. I'll let you all guess how old it is and tell you all about it next month.

Cheryl

### **What to Bring February 14**

- Name Tags
- Treats if you signed up and favorite mug
- Philanthropy Items

## **February 14, 2017** **Valli Schiller** **"My Life in Quilt Years"**

### **"MY LIFE IN QUILT YEARS"** **LECTURE is**

a trunk show of approximately 20 of Valli's bed and wall quilts and the stories behind them. Her style ranges from traditional to contemporary, with an emphasis on innovative machine techniques. Quilters of all abilities will be encouraged and inspired as Valli shares her life in quilts.

Valli Schiller started sewing as a child and shows no signs of stopping any time soon. She's been making quilts since 1990, right around the time she discovered rotary cutters and computerized sewing machines. She's an avid machine stitcher who loves experimenting with new techniques and sharing them with others.

Valli's quilts are exhibited nationally and have won multiple awards, including blue ribbons at the IQA judged show in Houston and the AQS judged show in Paducah. Her Mille Fleurs quilt was featured on the cover of Quilter's Newsletter magazine. Her Common Threads quilt was a finalist in the 2007 \$100,000 Quilting Challenge.

Valli lives in Naperville, Illinois. She's a member of the Riverwalk Quilters' Guild, the Pride of the Prairie Quilters, and the Professional Art Quilt Alliance.

**March 14**  
**Maggie Weiss**  
***“The Sacred Feminine in Fiber”***

**The Sacred Feminine in Fiber**  
**– Archetypes & Symbolism in Quilts**  
**and Fiber Art**

The Sacred Feminine in Fiber lecture is a fun and interesting look at a wide variety of quilts that happen to include symbolic images in their compositions. Look into the myths and meaning behind these images, comparing and contrasting the work of many different quilt and textile artists.

**Maggie Weiss** has been sewing and creating ever since she took her first lesson at Marshall Fields in fifth grade. An award-winning quilter based in Evanston, IL, she teaches Quilting, Printmaking, Surface Design and Thermofax Silkscreen classes and workshops. Her work has been exhibited in the United States and England and can be found in private collections in the U.S. and overseas. Additionally, Maggie has taught classes all over the US and locally at the Evanston Art Center, Columbia College and in her Evanston studio. Most recently, Maggie completed a wall mural entirely in fabric with the help of 500 students (and volunteers) at a local elementary school. 95% of the fabrics and images used on the 5 panels were created by students. The 4' x 8' panels are brimming with their energy and colors and it was a great honor to become part of the school community this year.

**April 11**  
**Philanthropy Sew-In**

**May 9**  
**Lisa Brinkley**  
***“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 Biennia. 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 Brinkley  
Bead Embroidered Mini Quilts**

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  
Lecture TBA  
Workshop June 14 TBA**

**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.

**Hospitality  
Tracy Husch-Lissak & Sandy Alfaia  
[rqghospitality@gmail.com](mailto:rqghospitality@gmail.com)**

Sandy and I would like to remind everyone that our next meeting is **February 14th, Valentine's Day!** We only have one person signed up to bring a snack for this meeting. You are welcome to bring something savory or sweet to share with the special quilters in your life. Thank you for those who are bringing mugs to the meetings.

On a separate note, I'd like to thank Sandy Alafia for chairing hospitality with me! As February may be our last meeting together, I wanted to publicly say how much I'll miss her and wish her FUN and HAPPINESS in her new wonderful adventure!

Thank you,

Tracy Husch-Lissak

**Library News  
Carol Rubek & Judy Long  
[rqqlibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:rqqlibrarian@gmail.com)**

We are looking for suggestions for books we might order for our library. Please send suggested book titles to:

[carolrubeck@gmail.com](mailto:carolrubeck@gmail.com)  
[jemb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jemb@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you so much

**Membership**  
**Yvette Thorn & Linda Kurcz**  
[rqgmembership@gmail.com](mailto:rqgmembership@gmail.com)

Welcome back Susan Berger! With Susan's renewal, we are currently at 109 members. The January annual members party was attended by 67 members.

When you receive an updated digital copy of our member's directory, please take time to review your listing to see that it is accurate.

Thank you,  
 Linda & Yvette

**Philanthropy**  
**Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis**  
[rqgphilanthropy@gmail.com](mailto:rqgphilanthropy@gmail.com)

Our April Sew In will be sewing scrappy 12.5 blocks. This will allow us to create larger quilt tops for Edwards Hospital. To make the 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". Please come and chat with us at the February meeting with any questions you may have. You can sew blocks at home and turn in at the March meeting or April Sew In. We have donated fabric available to use for strips. We will be cutting strips at the February retreat as well. If you are interested in participating at the April Sew In, please let us know at the Feb or March Meeting.

We received another large donation from a non-member, Kathy Kotowski who made a donation last month. She is moving and needed to downsize her fabric stash. Her donation was 10 kitchen size garbage bags full of beautiful fabric. We will be using this fabric for our April Sew In.

1-9-17 Edwards Hospital Naperville IL  
 7 Quilts

1-11-17 Heses House Aurora IL  
 8 Stuffed Frogs  
 7 Stuffed Elephants  
 2 stuffed Bears  
 11 Quilts

1-31-17 Sharing Connections Downers Grove IL  
 24 Quilts  
 2 Hand sewn purses  
 2 Hand sewn pillow shams

**At the January Party, we received the following from Members:**

**Quilt Tops**

Lenore Hrejsa – 1  
 Nancy Lindberg - 2

**Bird House Squares**

Judy Morgan - 5  
 Rosemary Sanza – 2  
 Sabrina Marton – 1  
 Nancy Lindberg - 5

**Fabric Stash Contribution**

Tracy Husch-Lissak – MANY yards

**The following members have helped with finishing work:**

Carol Rubeck Binding – 1 Quilt returned	
Nancy Lindberg Binding – 1 Quilt Returned	
	Binding – took 2 to finish
Tina Orlita Returned	Binding – 1 Quilt
Leesa Jump Returned	Binding – 1 Quilt
Binding – took 1 to finish	
Camille Padilla Quilt to finish	Binding – took 1
Wanda Jones Binding – 1 Quilt Returned	

As always, if we have missed anyone we are very sorry.

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

**Special Events**  
**Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and**  
**Nancy Ebel**  
**[rggspecialevnts@gmail.com](mailto:rggspecialevnts@gmail.com)**

**Member's Subsidize Sewing**  
**Retreat – February 25, 2017**

We have 29 members signed up for the sewing retreat. See us at the February meeting if you would like to still join us on Saturday, February 25th, 2017 for the guild's member subsidize sewing retreat from 8:00 to 4:30. The retreat will take place in our usual meeting room at the church.

The cost to attend is \$10.00 which will cover a lunch box and holds a spot for you and is non-refundable. The following drinks will be provided: bottle water, coffee, ice tea, and hot tea that day. One attendee wanted to know if they could bring a treat to share. For those who would like to bring any goodies to share, we will add a table where these treats can be placed.

Each of you will get a 6 foot or share a 10-foot table for your sewing area. In addition, the following areas will be available for all to use: layout, cutting, ironing, and lunch area. Due to possible wiring overload because of the power that irons take, we will be providing 5 - 6 ironing stations and request that you not use your own iron at your sewing station. To add to the excitement of the day, there will be door prizes provided.

This will be a day for you to sew on your projects. Philanthropy will provide kits if any of you want to sew charity quilts. In addition, they plan to be there and will accept any help cutting strips to be used for the April Philanthropy sew-in.

**2017 Riverwalk Quilters Guild Quilt**  
**Challenge**

We have 15 members who signed up for the Quilt Challenge, Two Color Quilt. The challenge information rules are included in this newsletter and will also be posted on the website soon. See one of us to sign-up for the challenge at the February 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.

**Upcoming Midwest and Local**  
**Events**

**March 2-4, 2017:** Linda M. Poole lectures and teaches on whole cloth painting and applique techniques.

**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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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]

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.

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Bottom part will be filled in by Committee Member

**Cut Here**

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Pin on entry for voting identification

**Quilt Entry #**

**Cut Here**

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Given to participant to be returned to reclaim your project

**Quilt Entry #**

### Website

Kathleen Pallardy  
[rqqwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:rqqwebsite@gmail.com)

If you need something added or changed on the website [www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com), please email Kathleen Pallardy at the [rqqwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:rqqwebsite@gmail.com)

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Facebook:

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

Riverwalk Quilters Guild meetings

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Grace United Methodist Church

300 E Gartner Road, Naperville, IL

RQG Board meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Grace Church

### Riverwalk Quilters Guild 2016-2017 Board & Committees

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