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Riverwalk Quilters Guild





President's Message

October greetings! Wasn't Gloria Lougham's program wonderful! If you missed her, at least cruise her website or borrow her books from the guild library. You're sure to find inspiration, and learn techniques she so freely shares. Our board is working diligently to plan our future. As Rachelle aptly pointed out, planning events during this not-so-post pandemic time, is like driving a car on an unlit road at night...your headlights only allow you to see what's just ahead of you, not what's down the road. Or, to continue our cruise ship analogy, we're in uncharted waters! Planning our "New Year" party or small quilt auction are challenging because we don't know what the seas ahead hold for us regarding social distancing and health parameters. Please be patient as we try to navigate these challenging circumstances and know that we are determined to make your guild experience all it can be given some constraints.

Sew Much Success! Thanks to Carol, Terri and Judy for teaming up and preparing a fabulous philanthropy sew-in. Everything from the goody bags to the quilt kits was wonderful. The get-together at Terri's to display the quilts was a perfect cap to the event, and a victory to finally meet *in person*. Pandemic limitations did not hold us back...the event was a creative and fun way to continue our mission. Many thanks to all who participated!



Here are a few quick reminders to make your guild experience fun and super smooth:

- Read your newsletter thoroughly. Print it, highlight key areas, mark your calendar for meetings and special events.
- Expect and look for an email with the Zoom link to our monthly guild meeting; it will be sent the Sunday before Tuesday guild. Let us know if you are not receiving the Zoom emails or if your email address has changed
- Strut your stuff by sending photos of your current projects to Yvette Thorn for guild show n' tell and Margaret Donahue for posting on social media.
- Been out of town and visited a great quilt shop? Let us know by submitting a short summary for our newsSletter.
 Found a great website for instructions or free patterns? Again, let us know; we'll publish it. Everyone likes to see new avenues of creativity

Social Media Report (Margaret Donahue)

All members should send news and pictures to regsocialmedia@gmail.com.

Our account can be used for individual work or works in progress. Also please include pictures of any activities your Bee is involved in or pictures you take with other Guild members on outings etc.

I am also happy to post about shows or exhibits that you hear about. Thanks much! Let's stay sewcial through the fall and winter!

Facebook: We are at 539 Likes. Three new followers this month. We posted 5 times and reached 877 viewers.

Instagram: This month we had 114 likes and 4

comment

Special Events (Carol Wilhoit)

Complete Your UFOs!

Many of us have a lot of UFOs, while some of us have just a few. Sometimes, a little motivation can help propel us across the finish line.

One of my UFOs is a box of kits that I made years ago to make little zippered wallets using the Cash and Carry pattern. Over time, I've probably made close to a hundred of them from my kits, but there are still at least twenty or thirty kits left in my box. That's one of the UFOs that I want to finish.

To help you AND me reduce the number of UFOs that we have, I will give one completed Cash and Carry at each guild meeting from November through March to a guild member randomly selected from those who send me at least one photo of a finished UFO by the day before the guild meeting. At the guild meeting, I'll show the photos of completed UFOs and draw the name of a winner for the month. In March, when we have our long-delayed guild holiday party, we will draw a name from all the submissions, and the winner will receive a \$50 gift card for a local quilt shop.

Send photos of your completed UFOs to Carol Wilhoit at the following email address. (Please be sure that you don't add an s after event in the address.): rqgSpecialevent@gmail.com

Quilt Bees

Quilt bees are small groups of quilters who meet to share their love of quilting. Exactly what bees do varies depending upon the group. Some bees make group projects while some choose a project and each member makes their own version. Other bees focus on friendship, sharing completed projects, and getting advice on works in progress. Currently some bees are meeting online (using the guild Zoom account), some meet outdoors and some indoors. It's up to the group to decide what they want to do, and when and where to meet.

I've received names of seven members who would like to join a bee. If anyone else is interested, please let me know in the next few weeks, and then I will connect you with each other so that you can explore the possibility of forming a new bee.

Also, if any existing bees have room for new members, please let me know!

Olympic Quilting winners



Congratulations to all our Olympic quilters! Their inspiring stories will be shared in an upcoming email. While all who submitted stories are winners, here are the lucky winners of our drawing:

Kathy Herbach - gold FQ bundle
Carol Wilhoit - silver FQ bundle
Nancy Sturgeon - red/white/blue FQ bundle
Carol Mounts — (because bronze is not a lovely
color) won a Tiny Ones pattern for being the first to
turn in her story.

Did you miss the deadline? Do you wish you'd shared your Olympic quilting moment? You can still share it with the guild. Email to:

RQGpresident@gmail.com

Library News (Lynn Hamilton & Linda Kurcz)

Greetings from the Library!

We are continuing in our efforts to reconcile our collection with LibraryThing to make sure it is up to date and accurate. If you haven't already done so, take a look at our collection and see if anything piques your interest. Remember, you can check out books by emailing rqglibrarian@gmail.com. We'll get the book and leave out for pickup or deliver as needed.

Access LibraryThing at https://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG or through our guild website http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/

A Reminder

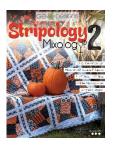
The library has 2 Gloria Loughman books:

"Luminous Landscapes:

Quilted Visions in Paint and Thread" and

"Quilted Symphony- a Fusion of Fabric, Texture and Design"

New Books:



"Stripology Mixology 2" by Gudrun Erla will be available in the library soon. Let us know if you'd like to take a look.



We have 12 issues of the "Quiltfolk" Magazines from 2018-2020. It is a unique magazine telling stories about the people as much as the quilts they make in the communities visited. We have Issue 01 available to check out now and the others upon return by borrower.



Spotlight on October 12, 2021

October 12, 2021 Suzi Parron, on the road in an RV: "American Barn Quilts"

barnquiltinfo.com

Suzi Parron discovered barn quilts on a trip through Kentucky in 2008. She documented over one thousand barn quilts in the process of writing her 2012 book, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement." For her second book, "Following the Barn Quilt Trail," she left her job as a high school teacher and traveled by RV across the country, visiting farms from Georgia to California and even Canada. You will hear stories of some of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture.





Upcoming November 9, 2021

Maria Shell, Alaska
"Patchwork to Artwork"
https://mariashell.com
https://talesofastitcher.com

Maria is an improvisational piecer of quilts with blocks arranged in a grid structure. Her cutting without a ruler produces original creations. Vintage and solid fabrics predominate her projects. She is offering online workshops for groups not connected to one particular guild. Her award-winning quilts have appeared all over this continent. She has a blog and is a prolific contributor to Instagram and YouTube.







Worm Hole

Programs Remaining for Guild Year December 2021 – June 2022

December 14, 2021 Helen Godden

from Australia

"Top 10 Art Quilt Techniques"

https://helengodden.com

January 11, 2022. Sujata Shahfrom

California

"The Root Connection"

https://therootconnection.blog spot.com/p/blog-page.html

February 8, 2022. ValerieGoodwin from Florida

"Mapping Narratives using Fab-ric, Paint and Thread"

https://www.valeriegoodwinart.com

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March 8, 2022 Annual Party

Meeting will be in person. Moreto come!

April 12, 2022 Philanthropyevening sew-in

Meeting will be in person. Moreto come!

May 10, 2022 Sarah Nishiurafrom Chicago - our 1st

in- person speaker!

"Sarah Nishiura: Trunk Show"

https://www.sarahnishiura.com

June 14, 2022 Schoolhouse

Meeting will be in person. Moreto come!

Important: Some lectures may look the same on paper, but each presenter is unique in their approach, artistic and teaching style, tips, tricks, and space-saving approaches. Learn something whatever your style, ability level and interest to apply to your own projects. Don'tmiss the opportunity to learn from some recognized talents coming to our own backyard.

Zoom Link for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85639215861?pwd=RWt0THRzWFB2MkxtOU9KKzNEYXk4dz09

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting

Meeting ID: 856 3921 5861

Passcode: 369011

Philanthropy Report Judy Long & Terri Hayes

The sew-in and the show and tell is the talk of the guild. The show and tell was attended by 18 members. It was fun to see the quilts in person and see other guild members. Fifty-eight of the sixty-seven kits have been distributed. We have received over 30 completed kits. We will be putting together quilt tops with batting and backing. We will need people to quilt the tops and people to sew on binding. Please contact Terri Hayes if you are interested in quilting, binding, or sewing another kit.

Philanthropy received the following donations from members and non-members:

Leesa J. 1 complete quilt, 1 quilt top, and 1 bound quilt,

Rosemary S. 5 pet beds,

Kathy H. 1 bound quilt,

Tracy H. donated material,

Heidi E. 1 quilt top,

Loraine N. received material from a former guild member, and Rita F. received material from a non-member and donated it to the guild.

Thank you guild members for your support and the time you put into the success of the sew-in and show and tell.

Sincerely, Judy and Terri

Hospitality, Leesa Jump

These ginger snap cookies are always a hit. And the recipe comes from former RQG member Mary Ann Mascelino

Sugar and Spice Cookies

¾ cup butter

1 cup sugar

1 egg

¼ cup molasses

2 cups flour

2 tsp baking soda

1 tsp cinnamon

¾ tsp ground ginger

½ tsp ground cloves

1/4 tsp salt

Cream butter and sugar together. Add egg and molasses. Sift dry ingredients and add to wet. Refrigerate several hours. Make into balls about 1-1½ inches round and roll in a mixture of 8 t sugar and 4 t cinnamon. Bake at 325 degrees for 9-10 minutes. Makes approximately 47 cookies. Cookies will be soft.

Now for a cocktail...

Fall Sangria

Ingredients

1 apple

1 pear

1/2 orange

2 tablespoons sugar

½ teaspoon cinnamon

1 750 ml bottle dry red wine, such as Rioja

1 750 ml bottle sparkling cider or apple cider

Optional garnishes: Cinnamon stick, rosemary sprig, remaining orange slices



- 1. Thinly slice the apple, pear, and orange. Place them into a medium bowl and stir in the sugar and cinnamon.
- 2. Transfer to a large pitcher. Allow to stand for 1 hour to allow the flavors to meld.
- 3. After 1 hour, pour in the red wine. You can use it immediately, or chill for up to 3 hours.
- 4. To serve, fill a glass with ice. Fill halfway with sparkling apple cider, then halfway with red wine mixture. Garnish with cinnamon stick, rosemary or orange slices. When you've polished off the sangria, you can snack on the sweetened fruit.

Please feel free to make and "share" during our October meeting. Enjoy!



Upcoming Guild Events



"Better Together!" March 8, 2022

Let's celebrate the return to meeting in person with a party!

- Activities planned include:
- Rummage sale save your surplus to share.
- Show and Tell Let's see your quilts made during these crazy months in their full size in person.
- Dinner details to follow closer to party date
- Food pantry donations

So, RQG members, be sure to save the date and keep looking forward to the hugs and good times, "Better Together" March 8, 2022!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with the party you can contact me, Amy Shuter, at rggholiday@gmail.com



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Spring Quilt Auction

We are planning a Spring Small Quilt Auction in early April. We're considering a Saturday so that we caninvite the community. Think SPRING! Please start thinking about creating a quilt to donate. When I think of spring I think Easter, Passover, Mothers' Day, Graduations, picnics, bunnies, chicks, and flowers! The ideas are endless.

Contact Rachelle Sheffer at RMSheffer12@gmail.com if you have questions, ideas, or would like to be onthe committee.

Learning Sampler Opportunity



Online schoolhouse and an upcoming studio tour event

The first weekend in October gave us a chance to see each other's quilts in person when we dropped off our philanthropy quilts. After our sew ew and varied inspiration presented by Global Quilt Connection (GQC). Our Guild was enrolled for all of us to view the 18 live (then via recording) YouTube tutorials. We were able to view GQC teachers give an online equivalent of our 2020 "schoolhouse" demos. I appreciated when the technique was introduced with the equipment needed and how the technique was used in some other work, too. Clever how their background quilt showed us another dimension of the quilter's talent. Questions were able to clarify issues for curious viewers.

If you enjoyed some presenters, check out their web sites to view tutorials or purchase prerecorded classes. Oftentimes, you will find a live zoom or equivalent class, too. If you try a new idea, take a picture and show us during show and tell.

Also, checkout upcoming free live GQC teacher studio tours on your own- choose the pink

button to "register to attend a webinar" at

https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/webinarregistration.html

Two Live Teacher Studio Tour Events!

OUTSIDE EVENTS OF INTEREST

Fiber Art Divas Fiber Art Show & Sale

Mark your calendars now for the annual sale coming up next month October 26-November 6, 2021. The Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery will display the inspiring fiber works of talented artists from around the area.

The postcard below details the location, dates and times the gallery will be open. Please visit and share this information with others. Contact me with any questions you may have.

Linda Kurcz



Shop Talk

Heading toward Door County Wisconsin and going through Sturgeon Bay? It's a cute little town where you can see docks where huge Great Lakes freighters are rebuilt and refurbished, and refresh your stash at Barn Door Quilts. BDQ is a tidy, cheerful shop with a friendly staff and a wide array of quality fabrics, fun samples and all the quilting goodies we love. They have a great sports (Green Bay Packers) section, Americana, novelties, batiks, and in summer they're open 7 days a week.

Loraine Nemo

2021-2022 RQG EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

POSITION	NAME
President	Loraine Nemo
Vice President	Sandy Bray
Secretary	Heidi Enright
Treasurer	Tracy Husch-Lissak
Contracts/Programs	Joan Der
Contracts	Sherry Gendel
Facebook & Instagram	Margaret Donahue
Holiday Party	Amy Shutter
Hospitality	Lisa Jump
Library	Linda Kurtz &
Membership	Sue Damitz
Newsletter	Laura Weston
Philanthropy	Terri Hayes &
Photo Membership Directory	Nancy Sturgeon
& Rummage Sale	
Quilt Show	Available - TBD
Small Quilt Auction	Rachelle Sheffer
Special Events	Carol Wilhoit
Website	Rosemary Sanza
Video Communication	Kathy Herbach

Something to add?

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at:

RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com by 4th Tuesday of the month.

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