

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message **Cheryl Sleboda** *rqgpresident@gmail.com*

Happy New Year! It's the time of setting goals and resolutions. One of my big quilting goals is to finish my oldest UFO in my collection. In 2001 I started a Baltimore Album quilt. I would say it's about 45% finished. Think I can get it done this year?

I enjoy January for many reasons, but one of the biggest reasons is our annual holiday party. This year the party is going to be held upstairs in the activity room. We're still having the rummage sale as well, one of my favorite things all year. I can't wait to see what you all bring.

If you are making any resolutions to make your community a better place, then I can think of no better place to start than by joining the board for 2018-19. Most of the positions on the board are turning over. We would love to have the slate of new officers early, so if you want one of the easy jobs, NOW is the time to speak up. We'd love to have you on the board.

Cheryl

What to Bring January 9

- Name Tags
- 2 Fat Quarters or 5" charm pack
- Dish to share and Recipe
- Favorite Mug

January 9 **Holiday Party** **In Activity Center**

You are all cordially invited to brave the frigid temperatures, and join us on January 9th at 6:30 pm for our annual Members Only Party. There will be great food, great friends, fabric, prizes and a wonderful rummage sale. This annual event gives us time to take a breather after all of our holiday preparations. It also allows time to visit with each other and welcome new members who have joined us this past year.

Our main course will be chicken, and we ask that members bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name as follows:

- A through F: Dessert
- G through P: Salad or side dish
- Q through Z: Appetizer

We invite you to make some copies of your recipes to share if you like. We will have a box to collect them on the buffet table. Include your name so quilters can ask for additional copies or email the recipes if needed.

Coffee, tea and water will also be provided, and, as usual, if you bring your own mug we can save on paper goods. We will provide plates and cutlery.

We will be playing some fun games throughout the evening, so please bring 2 FQ or a 5" charm pack (12 charms=1 FQ) to play along with us.

So bundle up and come on out for an evening of socializing and good food and time together. Hope to see you there!

Linda Yokelson
Carol Gruchala
Anita Nothdurft

**January 9
Holiday Party & Rummage Sale**

At our January party/rummage sale (January 9, 6:30 p.m.) you can donate the following items which will be sold to benefit the RQG treasury. We will sort the items by category on the tables—fabric, notions, books, magazines, etc.

No need to mark price--
Quilting magazines--all are \$.50 each.
Quilting//Sewing patterns--all are \$1 each.

Mark price on each--

- Books--crafting, quilting & quilting fiction books—price no more than \$5 each
- Sewing/quilting tools
- Fiberfill-- package in plastic bag
- Batting—mark size of piece if you can
- Thread--package in plastic bag
- Fabric--quilting and non-quilting--package in plastic bags
- Quilt tops and kits
- Quilt blocks--package in plastic bag
- UFOs--package in plastic bag
- Embellishments--beads, ribbon, floss, yarn, etc.--package in plastic bag

Please pre-price all donations, marked clearly with a bargain price. Price in increments of 25¢. Package items that go together in clear plastic bags.

To help set up and organize the rummage sale, please come to Grace Church UPSTAIRS in the Activity Center about 5:30 p.m. You get first chance to snag some bargains!

At the end of the evening we can use help packing up and loading cars with the leftovers.

Any questions, contact Nancy Sturgeon.

**February 13
Sue Pawlowski
Lecture: No Work - All Play**

Join us at our February guild meeting to learn from Sue Pawlowski, who founded Jack Squares Studio. She has been quilting for 23 years and recently began designing her own patterns.

She also runs a successful long-arm quilting business and teaches classes at many local quilt shops. Come attend her lecture “No Work, All Play” and see a selection of her fabulous quilts!

Upcoming Programs

March 13
Emily Parson
Lecture: 30 Years of Quiltmaking

April 10
Philanthropy Sew In

May 8
Tim Latimer
Lecture: Time Span Quilts

June 12
Sassafras Lane
Lecture: TBD
Workshops: TBD

Hospitality
Deb Obrieht
rqghospitality@gmail.com

Great big thanks to all who brought snacks to our December meeting.

Deb Obrieht

Membership
Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck
rqgmembership@gmail.com

Sixty-two members attended the December meeting. Welcome new member, Michele Doiron, who joined the Guild at the December meeting. The membership total is now at 100 members.

Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck

Library News
Lynn Slaughter & Mary Walschot
rqglibrarian@gmail.com

A big THANK YOU goes out to everybody who returned books at the last couple of meetings.

Please note no library service in January due to the holiday party.

Enjoy your materials for an extra month and plan on bringing them to the February meeting.

Thanks and Merry Christmas
Mary and Lynn

Philanthropy
Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis
rqqphilanthropy@gmail.com

In December the following donations were made:

Edwards Hospital – 5 Bags, 19 Heart Pillows, 15 Port Pillows
Sharing Connections – 12 Quilts, 15 Christmas Stockings, 15 Pillow Cases, 1 Baby Carrier Cover, 1 Fleece Blanket
Central DuPage Hospital – 13 Quilts, 4 Bag
Ronald McDonald House Winfield – 14 Christmas Stocking

At the 12/12/17 meeting we received the following Donations:

Nancy Niswander – took 1 for quilting
Yvette Thorn - 1 pillow case
Deb Obriecht – returned 1 Quilt (quilted and bound)
Judy Long – 2 quilts
Nancy Lindberg – 2 pineapple blocks
Sharon Maroni – Fabric for stash
Linda Yokelson – 1 quilt
Amy Shuter & Friends – 14 Christmas stockings

Thank you to all the members who kindly donated items. We appreciate all you do for us.

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

Member's Subsidize Sewing Retreat
February 17, 2018

Please join us on Saturday, February 17, 2018 for our next guild's member subsidize sewing retreat from 8:00 to 4:30.

You can sign up at the Holiday Party in January or at the February meeting.

We are holding the retreat in our usual meeting room at the church. Since the last two retreats worked well, we will be doing things similar this time again. The cost to attend is \$10.00 which covers a lunch box and holds a spot for you and is non-refundable. The following drinks will be provided: bottle water, coffee, and hot tea that day.

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. We will be providing 4 ironing stations and 3 cutting areas with large mats. To add to the excitement of the day, there will be door prizes provided. Last retreat each participant went home with a door prize and we plan to repeat this.

This will be a day for you to sew on your own projects. Contact Sue Damitz and join us for another fun day of sewing and fellowship with other members.

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Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel, and Nancy Ebel

Quilt Show 2019

Mark your calendars, clear the dates! Riverwalk's next quilt show will be Friday May 11 & Saturday May 12 at NIU Naperville. Make sure your family doesn't plan a wedding, vacation or other special event those days, as it's an all-hands-on-deck weekend! You will not want to miss it! We will be finalizing a theme and committee chairs soon, so, stay tuned, and keep working on those masterpieces. We know you all will have great quilts or quilted items to submit to our show.

Rosemary Sanza & Loraine Nemo

2019 Raffle Quilt

The Fabric Fondlers Quilt Bee members (Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel, Nancy Ebel, Lynette Kmiecik, Lisa Klingbeil, Rosemary Sanza, Katheen Pallardy, Jill Bryan, Oriene Springstroh) have taken on the job of overseeing the creation of the guild's raffle quilt for the 2019 show. We are excited about doing it and will keep you up-to-date on its progress both in the newsletter and at meetings.

As we announced in the September newsletter, the pattern we have chosen is **Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks** and are leaning toward either the Skyline or City Planner pattern from that book. The book can be viewed at <http://www.tulapink.com/city-sampler/>. Here's the most important part! We need your help!!! At the meeting in February we will bring for distribution over 100 six-inch block patterns (we have duplicated some blocks). You may sign up for and take one or more blocks. They will be packaged individually in zip lock bags complete with enough fabric to finish the block. Each should only take about 30 minutes or less to put together, so it should be a piece of cake! How much easier can it get? If by chance, you have problems completing your block, you may contact member Oriene Springstroh for help. We will collect the finished blocks at the April 2018 meeting.

For those of you who are professional quilters, we will be looking for someone to help us make this a cost-effective project. Please consider making a proposal bid when it is time. That will help to accomplish this goal. We look forward to working with all of you toward completing this exciting quilt!

The Fabric Fondlers Quilt Bee

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Riverwalk Quilters Guild
2017- 2018 Board & Committees

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

Please contact Kathleen Pallardy to post your quilting services for hire on the RQG website. Please include a brief description of your services and preferred contact information to be posted to the website.

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Website: www.riverwalkquilters.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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| Small Quilt | The Material Girls Bee |
| Nominating Chair (2017/2018 Board Year) | Open |
| January Holiday Party | Carol Gruchala |
| | Anita Nothdurft |
| | Linda Yokelson |
| Rummage Sale | Nancy Sturgeon |
| Raffle Quilt Chair & Committee | Fabric Fondlers Bee |
| Show Chair | Loraine Nemo and Rosemary Sanza |