

JULY 2022  
RIVERWALK  
QUILTERS  
NEWSLETTER

**August 9th Meeting is In-person and on Zoom.**

**What to Bring to August 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

- **Name Tags,**
- **Membership Renewal Forms**
- **Show and Tell Items**
- **Fall Auction Items that are Ready**

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# Riverwalk Quilters Guild



## President's Message



### Off to a Great Start!

Our July meeting was a wonderful way to start the new guild year!

Allie McCathren certainly drew a crowd. We had several guests, and new members joined and were able to take her very successful workshop.

Please note: our August 9 meeting will take place in person at Knox to watch a Zoom program. If you will be out of town or cannot be at Knox, the program and business meeting will be live streamed. **Show n' Tell and door prizes are in person only.**

"Time for Change" is our theme for the year. The hybrid meeting formats are a change, one that should accommodate all of us. Whenever possible, however, let's gather together and keep the in-person enthusiasm and camaraderie going.

Many thanks to Kathy Herbach and Sherry Gendel for their efforts in ensuring that all technical aspects will be working.

Thank you to all those who shopped at our July "Second Chance" sale. It raised an additional \$104. Leftover items were donated to the AAUW book sale. See add for this sale on Page 7.

We have a wonderful space at Knox, and want to continue our good relationship with the Church. In July we finished by 9:00, were packed up and out the door before 9:30, which is our monthly goal. Thank you for complying.

No food or beverages will be served at our meetings. The coffee bar area requires an additional rent charge, so please do not use that area. You may bring your own beverage, but make sure it is in a secure container.

Illinois Quilts Inc Guild will be selling tickets for their raffle quilt at our August meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Lorraine

## Urgent Guild Issue



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Our contracts position for this year is now vacant. The person who accepted and was voted in, has resigned.

As you may know, according to our by-laws, if this key position is unfilled, the guild must disband. **It is critical that this position be filled immediately.**

Of the 12 months we meet, 8 require a speaker. The other 4 months are annual party/rummage sale, auction, philanthropy sew-in, and schoolhouse.

**Please keep in mind that job sharing for this position is very possible.**

- Ask a friend to join you in the planning!
- You get to select the upcoming slate of programs!
- Because many speakers now only do live streamed programs, the number of potential speakers has greatly increased.
- The board and past contracts chairs will be available as consultants.

Please step up to accept this fun and important position so we can continue the long-standing tradition of celebrating and supporting quilting in Naperville.

We look forward to hearing from you

Lorraine & Bev

## What is it???

Back in June when sorting and packing leftovers from our rummage sale, we came across a mystery item, unsold of course. It is an unusual piece that no one could identify. So just for fun, it is returning to August Guild as our mystery visitor. Look for it at the Membership table.

No group conferring please, so don't discuss it with anyone, just put your best guess in the jar. At the end of the evening, we'll announce the winner(s). There will be prizes! If you are the one who donated this item in June, a hearty thank you, **but this makes you ineligible.**

Lorraine

## Social Media

Hello Guild!

All members are encouraged to finish up their contributions to the Fall Small Quilt Auction. I would love to have a picture of all things donated.

#FallAuctionReturnsOctober18 will be the hashtag you may use to display the lineup for the evening.

Contact me with any news or pictures you want to post or just to say here is my Instagram name so our guild page can follow you!

**Margaret Donahue**

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## Membership

Thank you to all the members who have already renewed for the 2022-2023 year. We have 78 members with six new members this year. If you did not renew, please send in your renewal form and \$35 before August 9 meeting to be able to receive our newsletters and attend the programs this year.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

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## Got Quilt Tops? HollyAnne Knight has Quilt Plans!

Who can relate? You've invested time (and money) piecing your quilt top and then it sits in a pile of other unquilted quilt tops because you don't know how you want to quilt it! The pattern has the dreaded words "Quilt as desired." Ugh... How exactly does one decide what to quilt where?

HollyAnne Knight, CEO and founder of String and Story, a successful online quilting education company, will be our speaker for the August meeting at Knox Presbyterian. In her live-streamed presentation, HollyAnne will show you what quilting plans are and how to make them so you can finish your quilts with confidence!



## Coming in September:

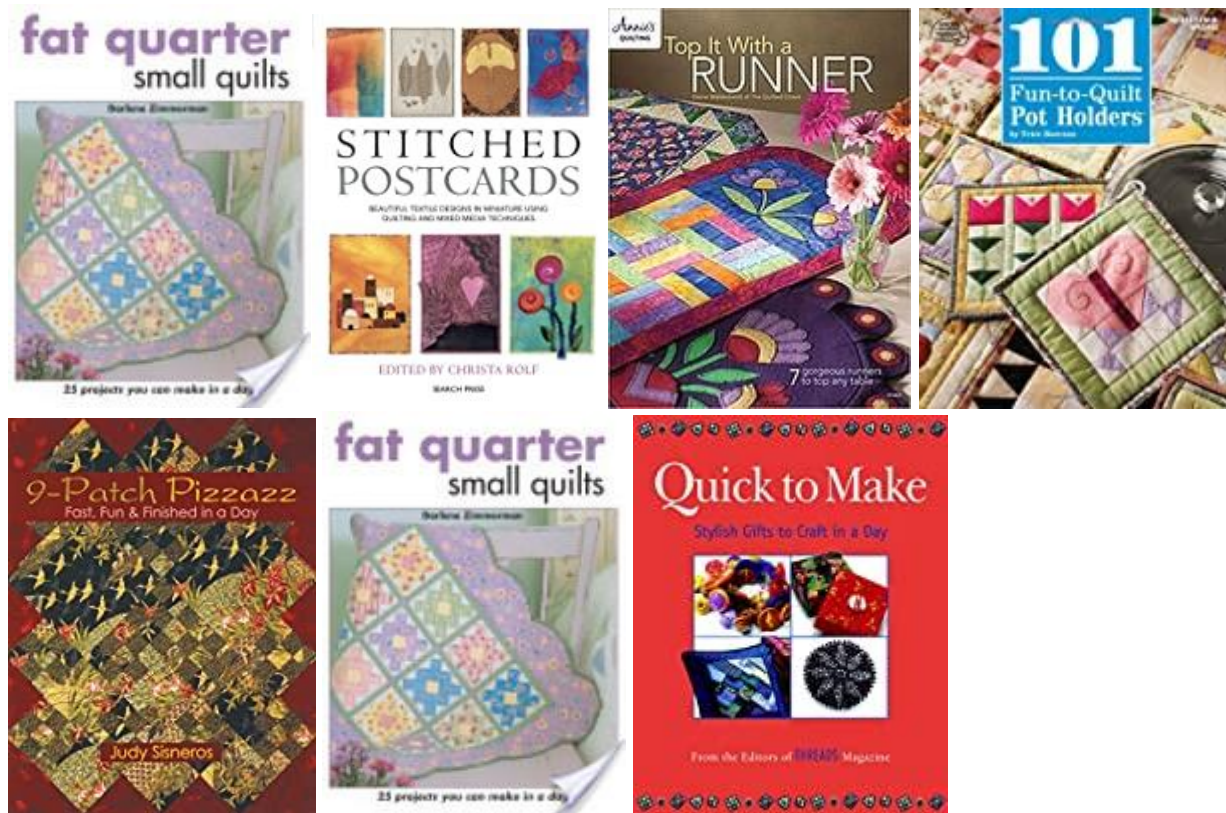
### Discover the Joys of Foundation Paper Piecing!

At our September meeting, award-winning Foundation Paper Piecing designer and quilter, Veruschka Zarate of Pride & Joy Quilting will detail her quilting journey from learning traditional practices of quilting, to discovering and now designing foundation paper piece quilts. Veruschka will also give a demonstration and trunk show of quilt pieces she has made.



## Library News

*Looking for ideas of what to make for the Quilt Auction?*



These books have small project/ gift ideas that you can make up quickly. If you would like one of these books from the library, please send your request to [rqglibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:rqglibrarian@gmail.com) and we'll deliver the book to you at the next meeting.

The RQG library will be available at the August membership meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church. Please return any books you have at the meeting.

Thank you!

Linda Kurcz & Lynn Hamilton  
[RQGLibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:RQGLibrarian@gmail.com)



## Philanthropy

There was a plethora, (one of my favorite words), of receiving and giving. This was the most we received at one time. Thank you guild members: Lyn S., Carol R., Norma B., Bev. P., Judy L., Donna M., Terri H., Vicki L., Tracy H., Deb. O., Yvette T., Darlene E., Sandy B., Loraine N., Sandy D., Lyn K., Beck K., Linda Y., Margaret Z., Nancy L., Leesa J., Wanda J. Linda M., and Lynn H.

We distributed 30 quilts to the following organizations: Northwest Medical Center, Winfield, Ronald McDonald House, Winfield, Silver Cross Hospital, New Lenox, Dupage Habitat for Humanity, and Will County Children Advocacy, Joliet.

The quilts we distribute are labeled identifying them as made by our guild, location, and the year they were made. Judy does all the labeling. This month she labeled 36 quilts. If you have not seen the labeled quilts, stop by our table, and we will show you. It is a nice opportunity to spread the work of our guild.

July 2021 – June 2022 distribution report:

195 quilts, 62 pillowcases, 29 stockings, 11 hand warmers, 7 pet beds, 412 burp cloths and 66 receiving blankets.

We had a 31% increase in quilt distribution. The Share our Spare is an organization a quilt member suggested as an organization to receive donations. They received burp cloths and receiving blankets.

Along with adding organizations that we distribute to, we have created pre-cut kits to sew quilt tops. Thank you Norma for researching friendly fun patterns and making up kits. The kits have helped inspire guild members to continue to be involved in giving to the community.

We thank you, guild members, for the time and materials donated to philanthropy.

We give because we care

## Holiday Sew-In

**Mark your calendars, September 19, 2022, for a Holiday Sew-In.**

It will be at Knox Presbyterian Church, fellowship hall. It will be an afternoon event from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Join us for the 4 hours or any part of that time.

We will be making Christmas stockings and pillowcases. We currently have 6 local organizations that we can distribute these items to families.

Judy and I were inspired by this project by the amount of holiday fabric available and mostly by the offer to help from Nancy and Amy. Nancy cut and sewed 217 stockings, and Amy cut and pressed 122 pillowcase kits.

Bring your sewing machines and supplies you will need to sew these projects. If you do not want to sew, you can help cut and iron. We will have irons and cutting areas. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a group and create gifts for area families.

We will provide water bottles and packaged snacks. You are welcome to bring your own beverage.

We thank the board for supporting and financing this event. It is one of the many advantages of being a member of the guild.

Terri Hayes and Judy Long  
[RQGPhilanthropy@gmail.com](mailto:RQGPhilanthropy@gmail.com)

## Fall Auction

**The Fall auction is on October 18, 2022 and will be held at Grace United Methodist.**

### Quilt Auction and Gift Boutique – Call for Help

Please consider donating new small quilted items for our Quilt Auction and Gift Boutique as this is our major fundraiser for the year. We would appreciate all donations be given to us by October 11, 2022 to give us time to catalog and post items on-line for advertising purpose. Items popular in past auctions, include: table runners or toppers, baby quilts, lap quilts, wall hangings, gift bags, place mats, purses, pouches, wallets, bowl cozies, bottle openers, potato bags, wine cozies, tote bags, etc. Think of upcoming holidays, birthdays, baby showers, anniversaries. Best ideas are items that you would like to own yourself.

Instead of auctioning off all the items, we are adding a gift boutique for the smaller items that don't auction off as well because they draw smaller bids and don't make the best use of our limited auction time. We will look at past auctions and determine which items fit in this category. Some of these items may be bowl cozies, pot holders, small bags, etc. We will place reasonable prices on each of these items and give guests the ability to buy them straight out during the evening. We believe these items will make great gifts for the holidays and still make our guild money.

Please bring your completed items with the attached auction donation form in this month's email. A legible description of the item... and maybe the pattern or inspiration is always a way to create bid interest. Please find the [auction donation form](#) on our web site. In addition, we will have them available at the next few meetings.

We have the auctioneer and hall booked. Now, we need you to sign-up for a volunteer spot. A clipboard will be passed at the next few meetings seeking your help to make the auction and boutique runs smoothly.

Thanks in advance.

Sue Damitz and Fabric Fondlers Bee

## Quilt Auction for Beginners

If you are new to the guild, this is how our auction works. At 6:00 PM, the donated quilt items are displayed and numbered in Grace's, Fellowship Hall, for bidders to preview. Upon your arrival, you receive a bidder number on a paddle or card. This bidder number is your identification for the rest of the evening. You raise the bidder paddle to indicate your wish to bid on an item during the auction. The bidder number is attached to all items that you win. Once you received your bidder number, preview all the items being auctioned. Note the numbers of the items you wish to bid on for referencing during the auction.

The auction starts at 7:00 PM, when our professional auctioneer, Matt Hart, calls for the first item. The first item is shown and it's number is given. Pay attention when an item you wish to bid on is next to be auctioned, as items are auctioned in number order. The auctioneer starts with an opening bid on the item. If you want to bid that price, raise your bidder card. Matt will point at the person whose has the current winning bid. The auctioneer will raise the price and look for the next bidder at that bid. It continues like this until no one wants to bid higher. If you are claimed to be the winner, raise your bidder card. Matt will note the winning price and bidder number. Your bidding number will be associated with that item which can be retrieved at the end of the auction. In addition, you may want to note the item number and your bid. The next item is shown and the auction continues until all items are gone.

Upon the auction completion, enter the cashier line for your bidder number. The cashier shows you the list of your winning items and their prices. This is where you can compare these to your notes that you were suggested to take. You can pay for your items with cash, check, or credit card. Once your payment is received, you are handed your items. Now you are an auction pro!

Hope to see you at our auction and quilt boutique.

Sue Damitz and Fabric Fondlers Bee

## Outside Events and Articles of Interest

### Gardens & Quilts!

There seems to be a strong connection between gardeners and quilters. We all enjoy the infinite mix of color, texture, pattern, and how it all comes together in one beautiful, cohesive piece.

If you're looking for quilting inspiration, make a point to visit local gardens, Cantigny the closest. A trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden or Garfield Park Conservatory will not only provide a zen-like experience of absorbing nature in all its glory, but each unique garden vibe can be the source of new inspiration as you ponder your next quilting adventure.

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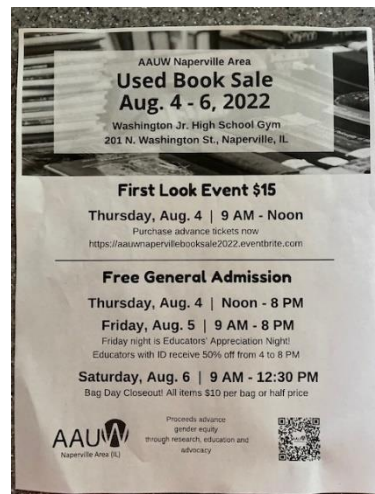
### The Push-Pull of Doilies: Revered, Reviled, and Reconceived

Nancy Sturgeon found this article out of Piecework Magazine. I have read it and it is quite good. This is with regard to Darlene's doilies and laces and our next RQG challenge.

Unlike quilts and other large textiles that are typically treated as important heirlooms, doilies are generally thought of as impractical “dust-collectors” made by fussy old women who had little to do with their time. **BEVERLY GORDON** Jan 24, 2020

<https://pieceworkmagazine.com/push-pull-doily/>

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