

JULY 2022 RIVERWALK QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Time for Change!

Happy new year! What?? Yes, our new Guild year started July 1, and along with much inspiration and learning this coming year, we'll be experiencing some positive changes.

We are transitioning from a mainly Zoom program year to a hybrid plan, some Zoom, some in-person. Each month please make sure to read the entire newsletter so you don't miss a thing!

Expect a year that will be positively wonderful!

Meeting format

Thanks to Kathy Herbach, Sherry Gendel and our helpful contact at Knox, we are up to speed with technology to bring upcoming meetings to you. Please note: July Guild is in-person only, no zoom capability.

In August we will meet in person to watch a Zoom presenter. Members will have the option of watching the program and business meeting at home via Zoom. Show n' tell will be in-person only but photos will be taken and posted to social media.

Bookmarks

One key to knowing when and where we'll be meeting are our beautiful bookmarks. A huge thank you to Sandy Alfaia for her graphic design expertise and Margaret Donahue for getting them printed. Bookmarks will be available at our July meeting.

Our bookmarks are a visual reminder of our monthly program details, and a great promotional tool for our guild.

June Party Kudos

What a way to close out our year with a fabulous and fun party! Many thanks to Leesa Jump, Linda McShea, Amy Shuter, Bev Parker, Vicky Laws, Catherine Redford, and Yvette Thorn. Leesa has that hospitality touch, so our tables were colorful and engaging. It was a wonderful time of reconnecting. Celebrating our Guild Anniversary in June is a change that will most likely carry through in years to come.

Rummage sale

A huge thank you to Nancy Sturgeon and her team for a record-breaking rummage sale. We sure did clean out our sewing closets! It was a challenge to manage the tsunami of donations, but the Guild made a whopping \$1324.57.

In person July opportunities:

Second Chance Sale at July Guild Meeting

At the end of our June Rummage Sale, there were some wonderful items left unsold, so we're bringing back the best, along with some books from our Guild Library that are ready to go to a new home.

Cherrywood Silent Auction

At the July RQG meeting you will have a chance to bid via silent auction on a kit of Cherrywood Fabrics. The pattern is LIBERTY with a finished size of 48" x 48". The kit contains a fat quarter bundle--Primitive Patriot, 1 yard camel, 1 yard midnight, and 1/2 yard burgundy. The original kit sold to one of our members for \$55.75. Check out their website to see why this fabric is so fantastic. There is a photo of the finished piece. Of course, you can use the fabric in any way you want if you win our silent auction.

Pride of the Prairie Raffle Quilt

POP, our neighboring guild, will be selling tickets for their raffle quilt.

Make sure you bring cash or check to take advantage of these three opportunities.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 12th!

Loraine
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Social Media

Hello Guild!

We now start a new year of RQG activities to share on social media. **It will be really important to share about membership opportunities and our main fundraiser, the Small Quilt Auction in October.**

Last month we had so much more donated to the Rummage Sale than we could use. I really wanted the leftovers to go to a good home. I ended up with many boxes of magazines, books and patterns in my car. The next day I took a few photos and posted them on Facebook. I tried the Freecycle DuPage page, Buy Nothing Central Naperville, and the Naperville Garage sale page. Within a day someone expressed interest and backed their SUV into my driveway and took off with the treasures.

Let's try to remember that new crafters and quilters may really put our cast-offs to good use. After all, one of our missions is to promote and educate about our textile art. Send me your pictures and ideas and we can share beyond our monthly meetings!

Margaret Donahue

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Sea Glass Quilt Workshop in July is Almost Full – Last Chance to Sign up is at July meeting

If you haven't heard, Allie McCathren of Exhausted Octopus will be live and in-person at Riverwalk Quilters Guild for a lecture at our July meeting AND a workshop the following day! Allie will be teaching her popular and beautiful Sea Glass Quilt technique which is meant as an art quilt for display but the technique can be used to make a larger quilt.

Spots are limited and are filling up, so if you are interested in this workshop, please sign up at the July meeting. Payment will be required when you sign up so bring your checkbook to the meeting if you're planning to participate.

A supply list will be available.

About the workshop

Sea Glass Quilt

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm | Quilter's Quest, Woodridge
\$65 guild members; \$100 non-members (*includes membership in Riverwalk Quilters Guild for 2022-23)



Sea Glass Quilts are a kind of improv quilt that uses scraps to make something new and beautifully unexpected. A combination of raw edge appliqué, free motion quilting, and a method of laying out the pieces in a specific way creates dynamic movement in a soothing piece.



Allie McCathren, Exhausted Octopus

**"Fabric Painting: How to make color work for you" Lecture and Trunk Show
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

Allie is an artist with a background in marine biology. She lives in Houston, TX with her husband and three sons. Her love of science and nature tends to find its way into her work, whether she intends it or not.

Allie works primarily with fabric and thread, but is also a painter, working with acrylics and watercolors.

She uses fabric as if it were paint, working with color arrangement and texture to create her art quilts.

She teaches classes on various techniques, including her Sea Glass Quilting method.

Follow Allie on Instagram [@exhaustedoctopus](https://www.instagram.com/exhaustedoctopus)

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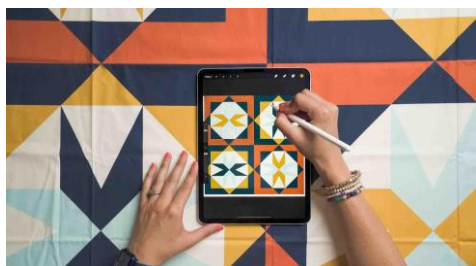
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Coming August 9th

Got Quilt Tops? HollyAnne Knight has Quilt Plans!

Our August speaker, HollyAnne Knight, is the founder and CEO of the online quilting education company, String & Story, where it is her job to guide quilters around the world to quilt with confidence.

Join us at the August meeting and HollyAnne will show you what quilting plans are and how to make them so you can finish your quilts with confidence!



2022-23 Membership renewals

Thank you to all the members who have already renewed for the year. For those who have not renewed for the 2022-23 year, this is a reminder that they were due 6/30/2022. Please print and fill in the attached form included in this email and bring it to our July 12 meeting or mail to us at:

Membership, Riverwalk Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567.

We will also have extra forms at the July meeting for you to use. Annual membership dues are \$35.

Our contracts chair, Sherry Gendel, has gotten a great [line-up of speakers and activities](#) for the coming year, so we encourage you to renew let membership know and your name will be taken off any other future reminders.

We will be meeting in-person for all months (even for virtual speakers) except in January and February when we will all stay warm at home and avoid any wintery weather travel and participate in our fully virtual guild meeting on Zoom.

Membership needs the form to update and track our records. Also, if you have changed your phone number or email address, please don't forget to include that info.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting,

Sue Damitz and Margaret Zitt
Membership
RQGMembership@gmail.com

Rummage Sale Report

The Rummage Sale was a success because all of you used the at-home time during the pandemic to really clean out your sewing rooms! Unfortunately, there was a huge amount of merchandise left over. I sorted a tightly packed carful of stuff and donated it to the Pennywise Resale Shop at the Episcopal church who welcomed "crafting" things.

I have cut up much of the Christmas fabric and complimentary fabric and am sewing a zillion Christmas stockings for RQG Philanthropy. Amy Shuter is making Christmas pillowcases from leftover fabric. (If you would like to help sew either the stockings or pillowcases, contact us. They are easy.)

Rita Farrell recycled some of the magazines as did Margaret Donahue. A very big thanks to member, Julie Mildrum, who is a member of Knox and knew where the extra tables were stored and who helped organize the merchandise and disposal of leftovers.

Thanks to Mary Cieslak for bundling her donated fat quarters. Thanks to Linda Kurcz who found the baby scale for me! Thanks to Sharon Maroni who let us pick from a ton of fabric that she was not moving to Colorado.

Thanks to Carol Rubek and Mary Stewart who took in the cash. Thanks to Norma Beckemeier, Bev Parker and my Tuesday Stitchers who always offer good guidance and help with my various projects. And thanks to Julie and Margaret's husbands who helped with the remainders.

Thank you to everyone who donated their stuff, who shopped, who helped us unload and pack up, who helped us organize the tables, etc. etc. I couldn't have done any of it without all of you!

There were quite a few books left over from the Rummage Sale last month. Some were donated to charity organizations. Others will be sold at the July meeting. There will also be books from the Guild library. The price of the books is \$3 each or 2/\$5. Nancy Lindberg will be at the book table. Bring cash or checks.

Nancy Sturgeon

Philanthropy

We have added two more organizations to whom philanthropy will be distributing quilts. The Quilts of Valor Foundation: www.QOVForg and Midwest Shelter for homeless Veterans located in Wheaton www.helpaveteran.org

The QOVF has a minimum size requirement of 55"x65" and asks that quilts do not look like a flag and the color purple is not prominent.

June was a good month for receiving, giving, and shopping. We distributed a total of nine quilts. The organizations that received them were Monarch Springs in Naperville and Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets in Wheaton.

We received:

- 11 complete quilts
- 1 quilt kit with fabric and pattern
- 5 bound quilts

Distributed:

- 6 kits were distributed
- 5 quilts to be bound
- material
- 14 quilt tops.

Thank you Guild members, Donna M, Bev P, Mary C, Sabrina M, Loraine N, Terri H, Norma B, Yvette T, Kathy H, Linda K, Vinda V, Lynda S, Lyn K, and Ruth H.

Thank you members for your time and materials.

We give, because we care.

Fall Auction - Save the Date

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

This is our annual fundraiser and we need donations. Please think of a project for some fun items to auction. For those of you who are new to the Guild, the typical items that are donated are table runners, baby quilts, lap quilts, wall hangings (holiday or otherwise), placemats, tote bags, etc. Best ideas are items that you would like to own yourself. Bring your best work forward to help the Guild.

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.

instead of auctioning off all the items, we are adding a small bazaar 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 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.

In addition, we will need your help on auction day. Look for a signup form that will be passed at a meeting seeking your help.

Thanks in advance,

Sue Damitz for the Fabric Fondlers Bee

Fall 2022 Challenge by Sew 'n Tell Bee



We have a wonderful selection of handwork donated by Darlene Schille. Choose one lacy or handwork piece at July meeting, where we will meet only in-person. Some pieces could be offered to bees, if desired, after the July meeting.

1. Lacy item can be modified, embellished or may even become the embellishment. Use over 1/2 of chosen piece. Consider the possibility of unraveling, if only using a portion.

2. Some quilting is required on your project, but it isn't needed on the lacy or handwork piece. Extra cotton fabric will be available at the July meeting.

3. Size: The outside perimeter of any chosen shape is between 12" and 144". For instance, the 12" perimeter is equivalent to a 3-inch square item. The 144" perimeter is equivalent to 3-foot square item.

Due at the November Guild meeting. All participants should send a digital photo(s) to a show 'n tell person. Date and time for digital photos will be in a future newsletter. And those attending in-person for the Zoom speaker at Knox should also bring their challenge piece to the November meeting.

Ideas for how to add the handwork item. Watch on YouTube How to sew Heirlooms with Doilies:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6pWWcNP8YUQ>

Where might you add the lacy handwork? Quilt. Christmas stocking. Journal cover. Pillow. Tote bag. Or search on Pinterest with the words "doily on quilt." Look at



this...

<https://pin.it/3UKYmdT>

For a little history on lace doilies:

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

Library News

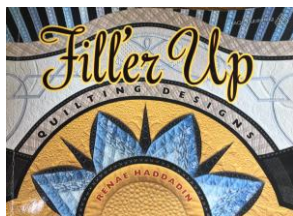
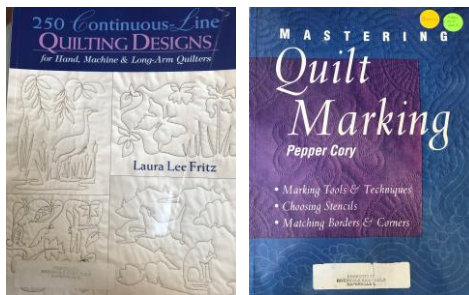
The RQG library will be available at the July meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church. If you have books to return, we will be happy to accept them.

If you know a specific book you would like from the library, please send your request to rgqlibrarian@gmail.com and we'll deliver the book to you at the meeting.

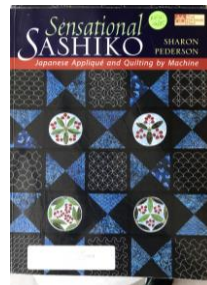
Books and DVDs and other misc. items from the rummage sale will be on sale at the meeting, so bring along some CASH for purchases!

Looking for Quilting ideas?

Laura Lee Fritz's book includes 250 line designs for hand and machine quilting in various themes. If you want some tips on marking these designs on your top, Pepper Cory's book, "Mastering Quilt Marking" is a good resource. "Filler Up" has lots of examples of fill designs including directional illustrations which really help in learning a new quilting design.



Some inspiring Sashiko references:



Link to access LibraryThing, the online listing of our library books, from your home:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG>

Linda Kurz and Lynn Hamilton

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Outside Events of Interest

Save the date! July 22-23

Quilters Estate Sale!

Moving and everything has to go!

Friday 9 to 4 and Saturday 9 to Noon

901 Wescott Road, Bolingbrook, IL

- Fabrics by the bolt \$3 to \$4 Yard (great for backgrounds and backings!)
- Hand-Dyed Fabrics: 1/2 yards & Fat Quarters
- Quilt Shop Quality Fabrics, Pre-cuts, Fat Quarters, Scrap Bags by Color
- Wool bundles
- Quilters Dream Battings
- Domestic quilting rulers (compatible with 1/4" ruler foot)
- Quilting Notions and Stencils
- Thread for piecing and quilting (Superior So-Fine and Bottom Line @ wholesale prices)
- Patterns, Books, Free magazines
- 4 and 5-Drawer Storage Bins, Desk Organizers
- Mighty Magnifying Light (new), Ott-style light for hand work, Ergonomic chairs, Desk
- And much, much more! All priced to go!

Ukrainian Sunflower Quilt Update

We are so grateful to the nearly 200 makers who donated one or more Sunflower mini-quilts to our fundraiser for Ukraine.

The online event raised over \$27,000 for Ukraine relief!

Thank you once again for being part of this effort to help the people of war-torn Ukraine -- we truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

International Quilt Museum

2021-2022 RQG EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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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 single month only.

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