

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Happy 2015! Looking forward to a wonderful Holiday party on January 13th. Be sure to wear your favorite ugly holiday sweater. Please look at the listing of what to bring from last month's newsletter. See you all there.

Starting in February, we will be asking for volunteers for our upcoming open board positions starting in July. Please give serious thought to helping our Guild stay strong.

What To Bring in January

Name Tag

Food for potluck dinner

Food pantry donations

Rummage sale donations

Cash or check for rummage sale purchases

Ugly holiday shirt (please wear it!)

Holiday Show n' Tell

Philanthropy donations

Hospitality

Donna Millican and Lois Skooglund

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A special thanks to all of you who signed up to help with the January Party. Looking forward to seeing you at 5:30 to help set up.

Happy New Year!

By-Laws and Procedures

Celeste Akre

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Remember to review the [Guild By-Laws and Procedures](#) and email suggested changes to Celeste. The board will review the proposed changes and present them to the guild in the February newsletter. A final vote will take place at the February guild meeting.

Rummage Sale

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm

New Year's Resolution #1

I will clean up and clean out my quilting/sewing room!

RQG RUMMAGE SALE is January 13

Is one of your 2015 resolutions to clean out your sewing/quilting area? Your deadline is Tuesday, January 13.

Bring us your unwanted stuff, and we will sell it with the proceeds going into the RQG general fund to help bring in exciting speakers! We want your unwanted sewing related items (non-quilting okay too!)

Please **pre-price all donations**, marked clearly with a *bargain* price.

-Pre-price in **25 cent increments**.

-Buyers need to be able to see the price.

-Put small items together in clear plastic bags.

-Books no more than \$5 each

-Bag fabrics in clear plastic bags and tag the whole bag one price. (Gallon ziplocks are the best.)

To save you both time & trouble...**no need to mark ANY pattern or magazine.**

-All patterns will be sold for \$1.00 each

-All magazines will be sold for \$0.50 each

Oh, and don't forget your \$\$\$ because you're sure to find some juicy deals.

Items to donate:

fabric, tools, rulers, notions, patterns, books, quilt tops, blocks, embellishments, thread, tools, unfinished projects, rulers, buttons, good sized fabric scraps, vintage items such as linens, hankies, doilies, lace, etc., etc.... you get the idea!

To help set up, clean up, and organize on Jan. 13, contact Nancy Sturgeon at rummagesale@riverwalkquilters.com

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To send an email to any of these positions or committees, please click the blue titles.

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Grace United Methodist Church

300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, Illinois

RQG Board Meetings

4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Grace Church Fireside Room

Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

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Upcoming Programs

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January 13, 2015

Holiday Party & Rummage Sale

February 10, 2015

Lynn Schmitt-

adifferentboxofcrayons.com

Lecture/Trunk Show:

Beyond Cotton

April 18 Workshop: *Eclectics With Wool*

March 10, 2015

Thomas Knauer, thomasknauersews.com

Lecture: *Modern is More Than a Style*

Workshop: TBA

April 14, 2015

Philanthropy Sew-In

May 12, 2015

To be determined

June 9, 2015

Sara Lawson,

sewsweetness.com

Trunk Show: Interfacing Lecture Info

Workshop: Bag Class from her book: *Big City Bags*



Next RQG Board Meeting:

January 27 at 7:00 pm

Grace Church, Fireside Room

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

March 13-14

Little Cabin in the Woods Quilt Show

Tuckabachee Quilters, Ottawa, IL

March 26-28

International Quilt Festival Chicago

Rosemont, IL

March 27-28

Quilt Spectrum 2015

Hands All Around Guild, Bloomington, IL

Philanthropy

Janelle Black and Sandy Hess
philanthropy@riverwalkquilters.com

Although December is a hectic month for many, we still received bounty! The following members donated the following:

Judy Kanarek: 8 plush frogs (what a hit!)
Oriene Springstroh: 2 quilts
Leslie Nemo: 4 pillowcases
Veronica Van Overberghe: 2 quilts
Janelle Black: completed 2 unfinished quilts

Deliveries were made to Hased House and Edwards Care Center. These items are appreciated and put to very good use. Thank you all so much.

Here is a little teaser for you! At the January meeting we will be presenting our project for the April Sew-In. It is a very simple project and we think you will have a very good time with it. So...or should that be sew...you just have to wait and see. We will be making much needed? Oops! Wait for it.

Remember, we are all in this together so thank you and keep up the good work!



GOOD NEWS REGARDING PILLOWCASES!!!
Because the hospital has a new rule and all pillowcases are sent to their laundry before use- we no longer need to wash and package them. Hooray! Just bring them!

January Party

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm

Start your year UUUGLY !

Calling all Riverwalk members! You won't want to miss our annual January New Year's party!

We have a long-standing tradition of food and fun, so mark your calendars for Tues. evening January 13. It all starts at 6:30 p.m.

Here are the ugly details: each person is strongly encouraged to wear an ugly holiday sweater or shirt. You pick the holiday, just make sure your shirt is unsightly! A great prize awaits the ugliest attire!

Don't forget our rummage sale...there will be lots of UUUGLY...Unusual, Unlovely, Unused, Garish and Laughable Yardage! See the accompanying article for details; just remember to clear out that sewing and quilting stuff you know should go! What fun to pile through fellow members' discards to see what gems may spark your creativity! Several members over the years have found great UFOs that they've turned into fabulous quilts!

Now that we've covered the ugly facts, remember the evening includes a delicious potluck dinner provided by you, our members. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Last Names:

A-I: Main Course

J-R: Appetizers

S-Z: Desserts

Food Pantry Collection: As is our tradition, we'll collect donations for local food pantries. Think healthy! Pantries now accept fresh fruit and veggies, so oranges, potatoes, carrots, are all acceptable. Non-food items are also accepted. Please be generous!

Of course the evening will include fun games and surprises.

Show n' Tell: Bring any holiday quilt or table runner, whether made recently or a while back. Yes, bring even those ugly ones!

We will need help at the end for clean-up, so please consider hanging around and helping!

Homemade Quilt Detergent

Nancy Sturgeon

This is the formula to remove old white marking pencil lines on a quilt. It worked on a quilt from 1983 that I took home from last January's RQG rummage sale.

1/4 C. water

3/4 C. rubbing alcohol

7-8 drops of white dishwashing soap (Ivory etc)

Mix together and scrub lines with a clean old toothbrush.

Special Events Quilt Challenge

specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com

We have only 1 challenge packet left. It will be available at the Jan. meeting/party.

Wall hangings will be due at the Mar 10 meeting at 7PM. Members will vote and PRIZES will be given for the top 3 viewer's choice wall hangings. We will keep your wall hangings for a while as they will be in a traveling exhibit.

We now have more details about their first stop. We will exhibit our challenge wall hangings at Naper Settlement: Maple Sugar weekend March 14 & 15, Sat. 10-4 with set up at 9 AM, Sun. 1-4 with take down at 4 PM.

Nancy will be getting volunteers to hang, take down and sit with the exhibit during that weekend. Please bring hand work to do while there. We will also pass out information about the guild, auction, and quilt raffle.

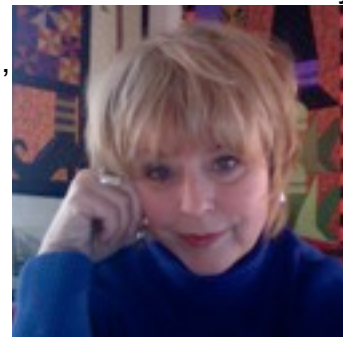
Naper Settlement will give out viewer's choice PRIZES, how nice! Wow more prizes! So you will have 6 chances for prizes by completing your wall hanging! Those are good odds. We are looking forward to seeing those great wall hangings.



A Different Box of Crayons

Lynn Schmitt - February Speaker

Lynn has worked in a design capacity for most of her life. First as a fine arts student ultimately graduating with a BFA in Interior Design, then as an interior designer specializing in commercial interiors for over 30 years and now as the owner of A Different Box of Crayons.



Lynn has worked with and designed quilts for over 10 years. A Different Box of Crayons was officially launched in 2010. Through A Different Box of Crayons, Lynn designs patterns and kits for the adventurous quilter using new techniques and Eclectics, mixed medium textiles. Her work has been published repeatedly in American Patchwork and Quilting, Quilts and More, and she has had several projects published in Need'I Love quilt books.

Initially, her most popular quilts focused on whimsical approaches to graphic imagery in quilts. Lynn's current focus is on secondary patterning, color, textures and Eclectic textiles enhanced with wool appliqué.



With a little understanding of how to handle and sew with Eclectic textiles, quilters need not be limited to just cotton fabric in their projects. Eclectic Bundles afford quilters access to silk matka, raw silk and silk dupioni, both hand dyed and woven wools, linen, home dec and certainly all scales and themes of cotton. Lynn illustrates how they can be beautifully brought together to dance in a single project.

Truly a new "box of crayons" for quilters of all ages to learn to color with!

Show and Tell
December Guild Meeting

