

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Happy July to all of our members!

Important Reminder!
The July Meeting date
has been changed to
July 21, due to a
conflict with the
church.

We have a person who is willing to book 4 programs for the 2016/2017 Quilt Guild year, so we are looking for someone to volunteer to look for programs for the other 4 months. Please let us know if you are interested.

I am sorry to miss our upcoming meeting, but I am sure Margaret Donahue, our VP, will do a great job.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in August. Safe summer travels to all!



Philanthropy

Sandy Hess

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YES, WE DID IT AND WE DID IT WELL!

Be proud Riverwalk Quilters! We are delivering 50 quilts and 31 pillow cases to Hesus House. Edward's Care Center will receive 13 quilts. This is a result of our April sew-in and quilts for the sew-in that were given in March and May. Can you believe that total! **63 quilts!**

We are a strong group of talented quilters. I would like to give a special thanks to Sharon Goodman and Linda Benda, who took over when I couldn't and mended, washed, and de-linted (if that is even a real word). In other words, they took them and got them ready for this delivery. Lots of work!

I have another awesome count. For the year we have donated the following: **135 quilts, 75 pillowcases, 14 heart pillows, approximately 200 port pillows, and 8 stuffed frogs!** Can we do even better next year?

Good stuff to know: Thanks to Nancy Sturgeon spending time on this, we now have batting available for philanthropy quilts. It is sitting in her house! When you need it you can call or e-mail Sandy Hess, Joanne Sheahan or Nancy Sturgeon with the size you need. It can be brought to the next meeting for you. Please let one of us know at least a week ahead so Nancy can cut it for you.

Philanthropy – (cont.)

Sandy Hess

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Currently we have 2 faithful long arm quilters and we could use some more. It's a good way to perfect your skills. We also need some volunteers to quilt small quilts since we don't want to wear out the couple of ladies that always do it (and they do it well). Thank you to our "oh, I'll do it" volunteers. There are no quilt police so it's ok to give it a try.

Also, we need binders! These bindings need to be done on a machine as they will have some rough treatment and need to be substantial for many washings.

Do you have any large pieces of fabric such as 2 or 3 yards for backings? We desperately need backing fabric. Thank you Sharon Maroni for your generous donation of backing fabric and batting.

The following ladies have donated quilts, pieced tops and pillow cases:

(I'm playing catch-up here!)

Wanda Jones, Sandy Alfaia, Susan Akre, Myra Harcourt, Heidi Enright, Camille Padilla, Jean Hildebrand, Loraine Nemo, Lydia Ferrigan, Darlene Schiller, Nancy Sturgeon, Norma Beckemeier, Rosemary Sanza, Nancy Lindberg, Joan Dolinar, and Oriene Springstroh. And, as always, all misspelled names are my fault! If you have been missed on this list, please know that your work is appreciated.

Remember, we give because we can.

If you have made it to the end of this report, congratulations!

Special Events

Ruth Hild and Nancy Lindberg

specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com

Special Challenges

Quilters, thank you so much for the great response to the "jar" project for the auction! The squares were all the correct size and well pressed! We do have an overabundance of strawberries and blueberries but we are **still in need of all kinds of vegetables and peaches, pears, watermelon and other fruits. Please do not make more than two of one kind.** July 21 meeting will be the last meeting to turn in your 6 1/2 " squares. Remember to put your name on a small piece of paper and pin it to EACH block for the basket drawing at the August meeting.

Naper Settlement Challenge Quilts

In Sept. they will be at the 95th Street library. From Oct 14th through 24th they will be at the Naperville Art League. There will be a reception Oct 18 from 2 to 4PM for everyone to meet the challenge quilt makers. Hope you can come, its free.

"Trades Day" at Naperville Settlement

Again we have a great opportunity to represent our guild, get information to the public, and recruit new members at the Trades Day at Naper Settlement on Sun. July 26 from 1-4pm. They will be showcasing trades and skills that were common in the 1800's. We hopefully will be in the Tavern as you enter. Thanks to those who volunteered to do hand quilting, hand appliqué or sewing, and piecing. Please email specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com or sign up at the meeting if you would like to help. We will be able to sell tickets for our opportunity quilt also. Yea!

We Sew 2: Inspiring Kids To Sew

Tracy Mooney and Cydney Mooney
July 21 Guild Meeting

Inspiring children to sew – it is what keeps quilting alive and perhaps the number one wish of shop owners and quilters alike. So what is the secret to passing on the quilting bug in this age of instant gratification and online “everything”?

Tracy Mooney, associate editor of Generation Q Magazine and BERNINA ambassador, along with her eleven year old daughter and “junior editor” Cydney, share simple ideas to start sewing with kids from toddlers up to teens. Her easy techniques show how simple items you already have in your stash, start kids playing with fabric and takes all the fear out of teaching kids to use a sewing machine. She shares her favorite products that help kids have more accurate results and offers fun sewing ideas and projects that keep their interest kindled.

Tracy Mooney Background

At the age of four, a “keep the little one busy” project made Tracy think she was making a quilt. Little did she know, this would create a lifelong obsession. When she was pregnant with her first son, she finally followed through on the itch to stitch, and has been cutting, piecing and quilting ever since. She has been quilting for 24 years, although her husband would say more obsessing and less quilting. A BERNINA Ambassador, she is an “all things quilting” junkie. She loves books, quilt shows, blogs, you name it. For the past three years she has poured her heart into the pages on Generation Q Magazine. As an associate editor, she writes articles, reviews books and designs projects for kids to sew in the feature **We Sew 2**.

Tracy also has been a professional actress and McAfee’s Chief Cyber Security Mom. Her dream is to someday combine quilting and acting into one and hosts her own quilting show – it will be like the “quilty” version of **Top Gear** or *No Reservations*.



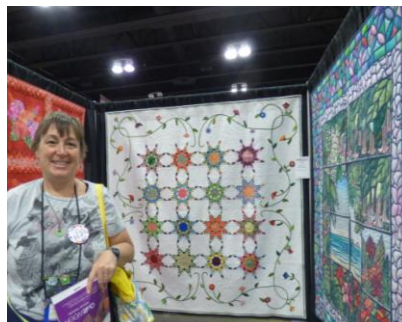
Tracy and Cydney Mooney

She grew up in New Jersey, lived in Boston for 13 years (Go Red Sox!), Los Angeles for four and now lives just outside of Chicago. She shares her thread-filled life with her darling hubby of 25 years, three kids who occasionally grace the pages of **GenQ**, a dog and a cat.

So guild members, we encourage you to hear this dynamic duo and **Bring someone from the younger age group as guests for free.**

Opportunity Quilt

Sabrina Marton



Stars in My
Garden

Paducah
AQS Show
April 2015

Our beautiful Opportunity Quilt has been to Paducah and is now scheduled to travel to different guilds and events until our raffle drawing in October.

A special thanks to Sandy Alfaia for getting new bookmarks ready to travel with our quilt!

We are the featured quilt at the Harvest House Quilting Open House and Picnic on Saturday August 22nd 10:00-4:00. The Harvest House is a quilt store in Plainfield near Rt 59 and 119th.

We need 2 volunteers for the 2:00-4:00 shift.

Look for the sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities at our next meeting.

Naperville Quilts! 2016

Heidi Enright and Loraine Nemo
show@riverwalkquilters.com

Calling All Quilts!

There are many elements that go into making a great quilt show, and many details to be attended to, but of course, the most important element of a quilt show is---the quilts!

We hope you all (and we do mean each and every guild member, regardless of skill level) plan to have at least one quilt in our upcoming show. Because we would like to showcase the varied styles and talents of our members, large quilts, small quilts, garments, art quilts, 3-dimensional items are all acceptable. Our goal is 100% participation!

We are still in need of volunteers so please contact [Celeste Akre](#) if you can help.

Happy quilting...enjoy the process...let's make it a great show!

Small Quilt Auction

Rosemary Sanza

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Quick Reminder – The Small Quilt Auction will be **October 20th (THIRD Tuesday)**. This will be our main fundraiser for 2015 and we will need donations. Please think of a project for some fun items to auction. I am looking forward to seeing them!

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 the things that you would like to own yourself. We have a live auctioneer and fun is had by all. I will be urging you to invite friends to attend. I would love for you to contribute an item you have made in 2015.

Thanks!

August 11 2015

School House

Spend the evening learning from our talented members. Attend every session or attend a few and instead get advice from others regarding questions or dilemmas you have on a project. If you are not attending a session, you will be on the advisory panel to off up ideas.

Make it a single - Nancy Sturgeon - Binding trick for the home stretch of your quilt

Make it a double - Ruth Hild - Use a tool found at Paducah for creating a binding made with two fabrics at once

Make mine curvy - Kathy Herbach - Create a colored scalloped shape trim to insert before the binding or around a shape, adding a bit of whimsy or sophistication to your quilt

Hexagon since the Stone Age - Celeste Akre - English paper piecing method that you see her sewing by hand at a guild meeting

Hexagon in the machine age - Nancy Lindberg - Machine method for joining hexagons with a y-seam

Brainstorming your UFO - Bring your unfinished project and ask members to offer suggestions as you request input - approximately 10 minutes each. Bring a UFO or wear your thinking cap to give ideas regarding the UFO. We brainstorm with our bees, but let's expand our reach to other members.



November 10 2015

Frieda Anderson

“Fabric to Dye For”



I made my first quilt when I was in high school. I have always made things, and I love the process of creating. In college I majored in Art History and minored in ceramics, but I returned to fiber because it was more satisfying. I can't remember when I didn't sew. For years my focus was designing and making clothing. All that changed in 1992, however, when I was in fashion design and realized that all I wanted to do was make quilts. I have been designing and making original art quilts ever since.

I find each step of quilt making, from the beginning to the end, a real challenge. It is hard to say what part I like best. I love the pure creativity involved in conceiving and designing a new quilt. I love to piece and I love to fuse. I have found that by fusing smaller pieces, I can work out design issues. Then I like to make a bigger, bolder statement and piece the same quilt in a large format. Most of my work is machine quilted and nature inspired.

I discovered hand dyeing fabric 30 years ago, and I now work almost exclusively with my own hand dyed cottons and silks. I love the dye process, and I particularly enjoy seeing the colors emerge from the wet fabric.

Color is one of the reasons we love quilting, and achieving the abundance and variety of color is one reason we dye our own fabrics. The most dependable, light-fast and wash-fast dyes used by the industry are Procion MX Fiber Reactive Dyes, the same dyes used in this workshop. Participants will learn the techniques and dye formulas of 48 shades, introducing the flood of color that can be achieved with this easy dyeing method.

<http://www.friestyle.com>

WORKSHOP: “Flooded with Color”

November 11, 2015

Time: TBA

Thimbles, Lockport

Level: Beginner to Advanced

No sewing machine required



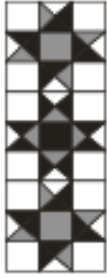
Member Gallery



June Meeting
Show & Tell



Finished quilt
by RQG new
member
Kathleen
Pallardy



Expressions in Threads

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Save the Date!

Friday, July 24 & Saturday, July 25

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LeClaire, Iowa 52753
www.expressionsinthreads.com
(563) 289-1447

Store Hours
Mon.-Fri: 10-5
Sat: 10-4
Sun: Closed

Hospitality

Donna Millican and Jill Bryan
hospitality@riverwalkquilters.com

Please remember to bring treats to our July meeting. We are anticipating many guests so all treats will be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help!

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

June 21 - September 8, 2015

Row By Row Experience

www.rowbyrowexperience.com/illinois.htm

July 24 - 25, 2015

River Country Quilt Show

Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, IL

Membership

Yvette Thorn Linda Kurcz
membership@riverwalkquilters.com

As of July 2, 2015, our guild has 86 members. 2 of them are new:

JoAnn Van Slobig sent in a membership application and Donna Saltz joined at our last meeting

As of July 1, 2015 the fee for membership will be \$40. If you would like to receive your newsletter by US mail, there is an extra fee of \$12 to cover postage.

What To Bring in July

Name Tag, Library Books
Philanthropy Donations
Snacks and Treats.

Don't forget to bring

Young Guests for Free!

Naper Settlement Travel Challenge Quilts at City Hall



Upcoming Local Events

Faithful Circle Quilters in Downers Grove.
Monthly meetings and workshops are at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and Fairview,

July 23, Thursday 7 pm - Marti Michell - Short Cuts, Hot Tips and Secrets

July 24, Friday 9:00 – 3:30, Marti Michell workshop - Seven Sisters Simplified - \$60.00 for non-members.00 for non-members

July 25, Saturday 9:00 – 3:30 - Marti Michell workshop - Pineapple Smoothie - \$60.00 for non-members

Marty Michell will supply her rulers for the workshops.

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Participating in the Row by Row Experience 2015

7th Annual Open House & Picnic
Saturday, August 22, 2015 - 10am - 4pm
Instant Door Prizes * Demos * Sales Galore
Picnic Lunch 11am - 3pm - YUM

Colleen, John & Staff

Cash + Check + Visa + MasterCard + Discover
24231 Apple Tree Ln, Plainfield, IL 60585
815-609-5831

hhquilting@comcast.net

Lisle Depot Days

Once again RQG Quilters will be demonstrating at this annual family festival on Sat., **Sept. 19th** and Sunday, **Sept. 20th**. It is held at the Museums at Station Park campus, 923 School St. in Lisle Noon to 5 p.m. (setup 11:00 a.m.) Handwork is preferred as this is a celebration of what life was like 100 years ago. We will be joining blacksmiths, bakers, lace makers and spinners, a petting zoo area and so much more! It's a lot of fun and we are indoors in a lovely space. If you can stay the whole afternoon, a box lunch is provided. Look for a clipboard at the July and August meetings or contact Sandy Alfaia at salfaia@comcast.net if you'd like to spend a fun day working on one of your hand projects, getting to know other Guild members better and spreading the word about our wonderful Guild. We're looking forward to it. Come join us!

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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January Party

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an email

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

Address: PO Box 5092 Naperville, IL 60567

Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

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Newsletter: The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact Sabrina Marton at newsletter@riverwalkquilters.com by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Advertising: Rates are based on one month's issue. Ads must be prepaid and received by the Editor by the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Full Page \$50.00

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Full page ad available for single month only.

Upcoming Programs

Tracy Husch-Lissak, Joan Der, Leesa Jump

programs@riverwalkquilters.com

July 21, 2015

Tracy Mooney and Daughter
Generation Q

August 11, 2015

School House
"Promoting Confidence"

September 8, 2015

Faith Jones
"What is Modern Quilting?"

October 20, 2015

Small Quilt Auction and
Opportunity Quilt Raffle

November 10, 2015

Frieda Anderson "Fabric to Dye For"
Workshop: Nov. 11 "Flooded with Color"

December 8, 2015

Susan Infante
"Textile Arts to Sewing Contour"

January 12, 2016

Holiday Party and Rummage Sale

February 9, 2016

Weeks Ringle "Luminous Quilts"
Workshop: "Rediscovering Your Stash"

March 8, 2016

Pat Sloan
Workshop: TBA

April 12, 2016

Philanthropy Sew In

May 10, 2016

Carolyn Mack – "Parade of Quilts: Up
Close and Personal"

May 13-14, 2016

Naperville Quilts! 2016

June 14, 2016

Catherine Redford – "Most Excellent
Adventures in Quilting"



Next RQG Board Meeting:

July 28 at 7:00 pm at Grace
United Methodist Church

Office Use Only

Amt Paid: _____

Check # : _____

Date: _____

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Member Information Form July 1, 2015- June 30 2016

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ I do not have Email. Please send my newsletter & membership directory by regular mail, a \$12 additional fee.

_____ I would like to receive information joining or forming a Quilting Bee.

_____ I **do not** want photos of my likeness nor my work published in our newsletter, website, or Facebook page.

What year did you join the guild? (1st year was 1994) _____

Which Quilting Bee(s) do you belong to?

I understand that I am obligated to volunteer for guild activities.

Signature _____

Membership Rates for 2015-2016

Renewal Fee/New Member Fee: **\$35.00/year**

Fee for Newsletter & Membership sent by US Mail: **\$12/year**

Dues Late Payment Fee (after July 1): **\$5.00**

Guest Fee: **\$10.00/meeting**

(Guests who join the Guild within 1 month of paying guest fee: **\$10.00 discount**)

Pro-Rated Membership Fee (new member after January 1): **\$20.00**

(Make checks payable to **Riverwalk Quilters Guild**. Drop off at a guild meeting or mail to: Riverwalk Quilters Guild, PO Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567)