

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Hello All, I can't believe it is June already – 2015 seems like it is flying past very quickly. I would like to thank our current members who are retiring from our Riverwalk Board: Celeste Akre, Susan Akre, Sandy Alfaia, Sandy Doubek, Carol Gruchala, Lenore Hrejsa, Jill Seaworth, Lois Skooglund, Lyn Kmiecik and Nancy Sturgeon. Your insight and opinions have been wonderful additions to our board meetings.

I would also like to welcome our current and new members of the 2015/2016 Riverwalk Board.

President:	Vicky Laws
Vice-President:	Margaret Donahue
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Treasurer:	Bev Parker
Programs:	Tracy Husch-Lissak, Joan Der and Leesa Jump

Contracts:

Still wide open

Membership:	Yvette Thorn Linda Kurcz
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Public relations:

Still wide open

Philanthropy:	Sandy Hess Joanne Sheahan
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Library:	Terri Hayes Carol Rubeck
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Hospitality:	Donna Millican Jill Bryan
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Special events:	Nancy Lindbergh Ruth Hild
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Newsletter:	Sabrina Marton
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Website/Facebook:	Sue Damitz Kathy Herbach
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Small Quilt Auction:	Rosemary Sanza
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Nominating chair:

Still wide open

January party:	Nancy Niswander Mary Walscott
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President's Message (cont.)

Vicky Laws

president@riverwalkquilters.com

Reminder: Our Joint Board meeting date is June 16th starting @ 6:00 pm at Vicky's house: 520 Delkir Court in Naperville. This meeting is an opportunity for the old and new board to share information about their job responsibilities. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Finally: Lost & Found:

1. A ruler was left at the Philanthropy sew-in at the April meeting. Please contact me if you are missing it.

2. Carol Wilhoit lost some hand sewing – she doesn't remember if she left it at a meeting or somewhere else.

That is all for now: Looking forward to our speaker and yes, I am actually taking the class. Who knows what my bag will look like – it is way above my capability...Zippers oh my!

This is an important position! We need to book speakers and workshops for the 2016/2017 calendar year!

What To Bring in June

Name Tag, Library Books
Philanthropy Donations
Snacks and Treats

Philanthropy

Sandy Hess

philanthropy@riverwalkquilters.com

Hello everyone. Although I haven't been around, Sharon Goodman and Linda Benda have taken care of picking up the slack. I do, however, have a great new partner for next year, Joanne Sheahan, and will eventually get together with her!

Hoping to get some more finished rag quilts this month. I don't have the final count or pictures yet, but I will soon.

As always, the generosity of our Guild is amazing. I promise to fill in the blank areas or my partner will in the very near future.

Some of you know that I have been in Chicago with my husband at the Chicago School of Medicine Research Hospital. He had surgery on May 11 and came home May 21. Next week we will have a schedule for his treatment and I hope to be able to see you all again soon. I hope my co-chair doesn't give up on me!!!

Thank you all for your generous quilt making and for the support I have received during this hard time. RQG is an awesome guild. "We give because we Care"

Small Quilt Auction

Rosemary Sanza

smallquiltauction@riverwalkquilters.com

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!

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

Special Events

Ruth Hild and Nancy Lindberg

specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com

Greetings Guild Members,

We have a new, fun challenge for all of you! Posted on either face book or our own web site you will find the directions for a 6 1/2" block. It is a canning jar and you are to fill it with either a vegetable or a fruit fabric, using a light neutral fabric for the background. For each block that you make, pin a small paper with your name on it. When you turn in your block, your name will go into a drawing. Please make sure your block measures 6 1/2" and is neatly pressed. We will collect blocks June and July and then will make something for the October Auction with the blocks. The drawing for the basket will be in August. We look forward to your participation as this is an easy, fun block.

Naper Settlement Challenge Quilts

Starting June 3rd through the end of June, the Challenge quilts will be hanging upstairs at the Naperville Municipal building. Then 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. We continue to look for other venues to display them.

"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. We need more volunteers to do hand quilting, hand appliqué or sewing, and piecing.

Who would be able to help on Sunday, July 26 between 1-4 pm? Please email specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com or sign up at the meeting if you are able to help. We should be able to sell tickets for our opportunity quilt also.

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 all know how the months speed by, so please get down to the fun business of finishing (or starting!) your beautiful creations! In the coming months, we will make available quilt show application forms. Because time is needed to process the applications, keep in mind that you have no more than 10 months from now to complete your creations.

A fresh, updated look to our show is what we're aiming for, so all quilts submitted for the 2016 Riverwalk show must have not been displayed in any prior show.

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

Naperville Quilts! 2016

Celeste Akre, Rosemary Garrity, Susan Akre
show@riverwalkquilters.com

Our second show planning meeting was last week. We are making progress in many areas, but we still need several chair people to have a successful quilt show.

The open positions are Raffle Quilts, Demos/Classes, and Publicity. None of these positions are difficult or need previous experience. There are people who have volunteered to assist in these committees, we just need individuals to head up each area. Please contact Celeste, Susan, or Rosemary to volunteer.

Where Did You Buy That Bag?

Sara Lawson
June 9 Guild Meeting & June 10 Workshop

Discover which interfacing and purse hardware you need to make detailed and structured bags. Each attendee will go home with an interfacing charm pack of products that Sara Lawson uses to make her bags. Also, see Sara's trunk show of fabulous bags!

Sara Lawson is a bag pattern designer and fabric designer from Chicago, Illinois. She has two fabric lines with Art Gallery Fabrics called 'Jungle Ave.' and 'Fantasia'.

She is the author of 'Big-City Bags' and 'Windy City Bags' (the latter due out October 2015), in addition to curated collections with Aurifil threads. Her sewing pattern company is self-published under her brand, Sew Sweetness. You can find more online at www.sewsweetness.com.

Be sure to sign up for Sara Lawson's class this month at the meeting. You will learn about working with all the interfacings and her finishing techniques as we make this fantastic bag with lots of details.

Workshop Details:

Wednesday June 10th, 9:30am

Location: Quilter's Quest

Class: \$50.00

Optional Lunch: \$7.00



Member Gallery

Check out the gallery pages of two more members on our website: [Joan Dolinar](#) and [Wanda Jones](#).

Links to all of the previous interviews are also available in case you missed them.

We Sew 2: Inspiring Kids To Sew
Tracy Mooney and Cydney Mooney
July 14 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.

So guild members, we encourage you to hear this dynamic duo and to bring someone from the younger age group. Those just finishing high school or younger will be our guests in July for free. So round up your kids, your grandkids and any neighborhood kids for this event. Do you still remember your first sewing or quilting project?



Tracy and Cydney Mooney

Opportunity Quilt
Sabrina Marton

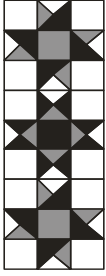
Volunteers Needed!

We have scheduled many places to display our beautiful quilt, Stars in My garden and we are in need of volunteers to sell tickets. A big advantage of volunteering to sell tickets at other guilds is you get to attend another guild meeting for free and hear from other interesting speakers.

This summer we are so fortunate to be displaying our quilt at the Naperville Women's Club 56th Annual Art Fair at Naperville Settlement, on Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12 from 10:00-5:00. We will be on the porch of the Daniels House where the Weed Ladies sell their wares, and the Weed Ladies are happy to have us there! We are able to sell our raffle tickets to all attendees of the Art Fair which means a lot of non-quilters who should be very interested in it. We need several volunteers to take shifts each day.

We are also 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.



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

Hospitality

Donna Millican and Lois Skooglund
hospitality@riverwalkquilters.com

Thanks to everyone who brought treats to our May meeting. Please remember to bring treats for our June meeting. We will also have cake to celebrate our guild's birthday! Thank you in advance for your help!

Naperville Quilts! 2016 Raffle Quilts

show@riverwalkquilters.com

We still do not have a volunteer to coordinate the raffle quilts for the show. It is our goal to have four or five smaller quilts to raffle instead of one large bed sized quilt.

The Material Girls bee has volunteered to make a red and white quilt. If there are any other groups or people who are interested in organizing a quilt, please email us so that we can keep track of the number and type of the quilts that are being made.

Membership

Lyn Kmiecik
membership@riverwalkquilters.com

Three new members and 56 members attended our May Meeting. Our new members are: Gayle Collins and Kathleen Pallardy from Naperville, and Kathy LaBarge from Clarendon Hills. If you are interested in befriending our new members, please let me know.

We have received 30 membership renewals from our 103 members. The Membership Renewal form for next year is at the end of this newsletter. Please print it, fill it out, and bring it to the June meeting. Membership fees are the same as last year, \$35. This covers guild membership from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. If you would like to receive your newsletter by US mail, there is an extra fee of \$12 to cover printing, and postage. Checks should be made out to River Walk Quilters Guild. If you cannot make it, please mail your membership application before July 1, 2015 to avoid a \$5 late fee.

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Proposed Budget 2015-2016

Bev Parker

treasurer@riverwalkquilters.com

A vote to approve the proposed budget will be taken at the June guild meeting. Please contact the treasurer, Bev Parker, with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Income	Budget
Auction	\$3,500.00
Membership	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous	
Guest Fees	\$100.00
Interest	\$50.00
Newsletter Ads	\$50.00
Raffle Quilt	
Show	\$2,000.00
Auction	\$1,800.00
Special Activities	
Baskets	\$250.00
Rummage Sale	\$300.00
Workshops	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$13,550.00

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

June 5-6

Quilts Along the Wabash, Kokomo, IN
Kokomo Event and Conference Center

June 19-21

Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival
www.kcrqf.com

June 13, 2015

Color in Motion Quilt Show
Taylorville H.S., Route 29, Taylorville, IL

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
Riverwalk Quilters Guild

Expenses	Budget
Auction	\$200.00
Auctioneer	\$400.00
Charitable Contributions	
Public Library	\$100.00
National Quilt Museum	\$50.00
Naper Settlement	\$100.00
Hospitality (and Party)	\$150.00
Library	\$200.00
Membership	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	
Bank Service Charge	\$10.00
Equipment	\$100.00
Insurance	\$500.00
New Member Social	\$25.00
Office Supplies	\$10.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$80.00
Postage	\$20.00
Newsletter	\$25.00
Philanthropy Supplies	\$350.00
Legal	\$50.00
Website	\$150.00
Programs	\$6,000.00
Public Relations	\$200.00
Raffle Quilt	\$500.00
Space Rental	
Board Meetings	\$500.00
General Meetings	\$1,200.00
Special Activities	
Challenge	\$50.00
Events	\$100.00
Workshops (and Room Rent)	\$2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$13,120.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$430.00

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

2014–2015 Board & Committees

President

Vicky Laws

Vice President

Celeste Akre

Secretary

Carol Gruchala

Treasurer

Bev Parker

Programs/Workshops Special Events

Sandy Doubek

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Joan Der

Leesa Jump

Tracy Husch-Lissak

Membership

Lyn Kmiecik

Public Relations

Sandy Alfaia

Nancy Sturgeon

Philanthropy

Sandy Hess

Library

Lenore Hrejsa

Jill Seaworth

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Donna Millican

Lois Skooglund

Special Events

Nancy Lindberg

Ruth Hild

Newsletter

Susan Akre

Website/Facebook

Sue Damitz

Kathleen Herbach

Small Quilt Auction

Rosemary Sanza

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

Address: PO Box 5092 Naperville, IL 60567

Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/RiverwalkQuilters>

RiverwalkQuilters

Newsletter: The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact Susan Akre 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 Half Page \$25.00

Quarter Page \$12.50 Eighth Page \$5.00

Full page ad available for single month only.

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

Upcoming Programs

Tracy Husch-Lissak, Joan Der, Leesa Jump
programs@riverwalkquilters.com

June 9, 2015

Sara Lawson sewsweetness.com

Trunk Show and Interfacing Lecture

Workshop: June 10

July 14, 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: Sewing Au Coutour"

January 12, 2016

Holiday Party and Rummage Sale

February 9, 2016

Weeks Ringle "Luminous Quilts"

Workshop: TBA

March 8, 2016

Pat Sloan

Workshop: TBA

April 12, 2016

Philanthropy Sew In

May 10, 2016

Carolyn Mack

May 13-14, 2016

Naperville Quilts! 2016



Next RQG Board Meeting:

June 16 at 6:00 pm
at Vicky Laws' House

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)