

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

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Happy Belated Halloween,
We had about 80 children braving the windy and cold evening. Halloween is one of my favorite holidays.

I would first like to thank Kathy Herbach, Sandy Alfaia and Rosemary Sanza for a wonderful Small Quilt Auction. I truly loved our young man who was our auctioneer; he brought a lot of energy and fun excitement to our auction. Plus he was only 24 ½.

Since requesting volunteer help this past month and not getting any nibbles – we have had additional volunteer spots open. Please respond by either emailing me or by talking with me at the upcoming meeting. We are a small but mighty group, let's make this year wonderful.

1. Raffle Quilt Tickets
2. Raffle Quilt Travel
3. Nominating Chair – to help fill vacancies for the next year
4. Membership

I am really looking forward to this month's speaker, Dr. Clarice Boswell to talk about the history of quilts. I think that this will be very informative to us all.

Hospitality

Donna Millican and Lois Skooglund

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Thank you to everyone who brought treats in October. Because of the auction, there was no sign up for November. Please consider bringing something to share. Thank you!

What To Bring in November

Name Tag
Library Books
Snacks or Treats
Show and Tell

Dr. Clarise Boswell

November 12 Guild Meeting

Coming to our November meeting, we would like to welcome Dr Clarise Boswell. as she brings us a production of Songs, Quilts and Stories. Her unique presentation comes from her own family history recorded in an old family Bible and ancestry.



She will also be sharing from her book: "Lizzies Story: A Slave Families Journey to Freedom". Her lecture will be of interest to quilters and non-quilters alike. So bring a friend!

Thanksgiving is Coming!

Click [here](#) to visit Missouri Star Quilts for the free tutorial for this Dresden Star Turkey!



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November 12, 2014

Dr. Clarise Boswell
Lecture: *Production of Songs, Quilts and Stories*. Featuring her book: *Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom*



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

December 9, 2014

Char Hopeman- Trunk Show,
Inventor of the Zig-Zag Ruler

January 13, 2015

Holiday Party & Rummage Sale

February 10, 2015

Lynn Schmitt-
adifferentboxofcrayons.com
Lecture/Trunk Show: *Beyond Cotton*
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:

December 2 at 7:00 pm
Grace Church, Fireside Room

Because of the holidays, this is a combined meeting for November and December.

Philanthropy

Janelle Black and Sandy Hess
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Delivery of the 24 quilts 9 pillowcases and several port pillows for October was amazing. The Edwards Cancer Center thanked us for the port pillows and, as always, told us how much they are appreciated.

Please e-mail me if I have missed your name on the donation list. It is not intentional and I would like to include everyone. Your work is important!

Although there was no philanthropy table at the October auction, WE STILL RECEIVED 4 QUILTS AND 14 PILLOWCASES, 13 HEART AND 13 PORT PILLOWS! We made an extra delivery!!! Thank you to Myra Harcourt, Oriene Springstroh, and Nancy Sturgeon for piecing, quilting, and binding when needed. Nice work.

Next, the awesome delivery to Edwards Care Center. I met two different employees and it took a while to do this delivery since they wanted to look and “ooh and ahh” over each item. They wanted to know if groups made them or individuals and how did they get them so beautiful. Needless to say, I sang the glory of this guild and the generous ladies who donate time and talent to make these gifts.

We also spoke of the popularity of the bed picture and their hope that other facilities will be inspired concerning the care of these children. Good Job Ladies.

The next day more were delivered to Hased House and again the “thank you for helping us” was repeated a few times. I promised to pass this along to the “quilt ladies”.



Philanthropy (Continued)

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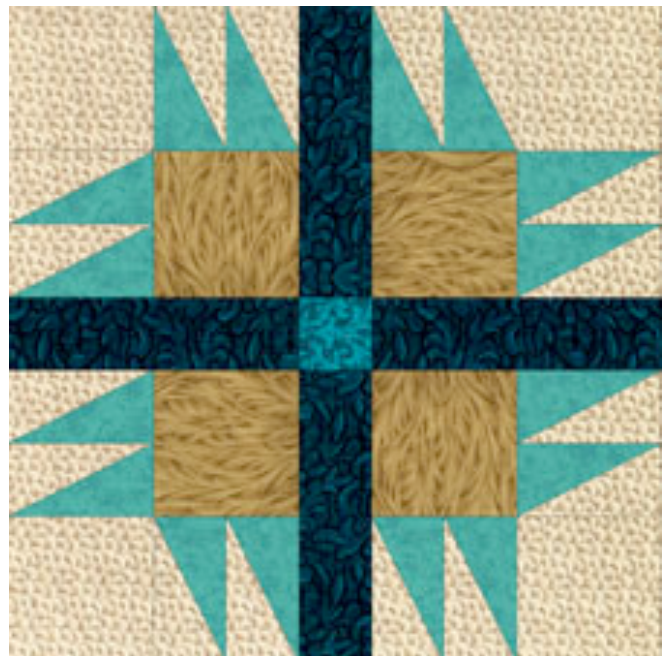
We need some cold weather blankets for Hased House and always have a need for the Care Center so Keep Up the Good Work!

As we near the holidays, let's remember that many children rely on the kindness of strangers. Let's be those strangers and keep on sharing and sewing. When we take a few hours of time spent pleasantly sewing, we will make a difference in a child's life. How much better can it be than knowing you have given joy to a child? Try it! It's good!



Turkey Tracks Block

A fun block to make a Thanksgiving project.
Click [here](#) to find this free pattern!



Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

November 6

Eileen Daniels Lecture, Sinnissippi Quilters
www.sinnissippiquilters.org

November 7-9

Fine Art of Fiber, Chicago Botanic Garden
www.fineartoffiber.org

November 20-22

Original Sewing and Quilt Expo, Tinley Park
www.sewingexpo.com/TinleyParkIL.aspx

November 22-23

It's a Stitch Craft and Quilt Fair, Jackson, WI
Itsastitchfair@live.com

Through November 30

Earth Stories: SAQA Exhibit, East Lansing, MI
www.saqa.com/calendar-detail.php?ID=4149

Special Events Raffle Quilt

specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com

Our beautiful raffle quilt of feathered stars and applique flowers is finished and ready for you to see at this month's meeting! But, we need a name for this quilt as we would like to enter it in the quilt show at Paducah this spring. So put on your thinking caps at the meeting after you have a chance to look over the quilt. We will have entry forms for you to use. You may enter more than once. There will be a prize for the name chosen.

Special Events Quilt Challenge

specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com

November's meeting will be your first opportunity to enter our newest challenge. For \$3.00 you will receive your challenge fabric and a set of rules. We only have 30 packets so it will be first come first served. There will be prizes and several display areas for all entrants. Finished challenges are due at the March meeting. You must be a member to participate.



Learn how to make this leaf block [here](#).

Pride of the Prairie Guild Workshop Opportunities

Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild would like to invite you to attend one of their upcoming workshops. See the descriptions to the right. Each workshop costs \$58 which includes lunch. They begin at 9:30 at Robert's Sewing Center in Crest Hill.

Anyone interesting a workshop should contact Sharon Nichols at (630)408-7590 or sewnichols@gmail.com for additional information and the supply list.

November 21 *Choosing and Adapting Quilting Designs* by Joanie Zeier Poole of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. This workshop is for all quilters! So if you hand quilt, or quilt on a domestic or longarm machine you will learn how to adapt quilting motifs to fit a variety of spaces, and how to choose motifs that will enhance the background space you are filling, and / or make your piecing come to life.

November 22 *Background Bonanza* by Joanie Zeier Poole. Create a whole cloth sampler of patterns used to anchor and entire quilt top or just fill in around stitched motifs. From the ripple stipple to simple grids, from headbands to lazy daisies, filling the quilt background with interesting patterns that create texture, depth and movement is easily done on a domestic machine and Joanie will show you how! Enjoy a full and creative day expanding your free-motion skills creating a wholecloth sampler. You will go home with an impressive portfolio of stitched examples of the techniques taught.

www.heirloomquiltingdesigns.com

Char Hopeman

December 9 Guild Meeting

Char Hopeman is a wife and mother of two girls ages 33 and 25 both married. She has lived in the Glen Ellyn/Wheaton area all of her life. Char's love of sewing goes back to her childhood where she was encouraged to sew by her aunt, mother, and older sisters. Being the youngest of 5 girls, she began sewing all of her own clothes at the age of 12. She later studied Fashion Design and did custom dressmaking and alterations.



She learned the "It's OK if You Sit on my Quilt" method of quilting in the 1980s and quilting soon replaced garment sewing. She soon began teaching quilting in her home. At the same time her fascination with reproducing antique quilts turned into pattern designing when other quilters asked if there were patterns for her quilts.

She opened a retail quilt shop in 2000 and there she honed her skills in business and merchandising. Later she closed her store and began longarm quilting and designing patterns for a local fabric company and began designing fabric in 2010.

In 2012, she designed the "ZIG-ZAG" ruler. By the urging of a quilting-teacher friend, she took her rulers and ZIG-ZAG patterns to the wholesale market in Houston. They were a huge success and then her focus became concentrated on ZIG-ZAG.



Come and enjoy a trunk show with Char as she shares her experiences on the road to quilting, fabric design and her Zigzag Ruler! She is such a bundle of energy, you are sure to be inspired by her!

RQG Website

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Check out the gallery pages of two more members on our website:

[Linda Kurcz](#) and [Sharon Goodman](#)

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

Wool Applique Turkey

Looking for more Thanksgiving inspiration?

Click [here](#) to find this free pattern!



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

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