



# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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**President**  
**Mary Cieslak**

Spring arrived last month, and we will be celebrating Easter shortly so I hope everyone is staying healthy and getting their vaccinations to ward off the virus which we all wish would go away soon.

During this pandemic time, we are making the best of it by holding our guild and board meetings via Zoom which has worked out well for us but it's just not the same as in person meetings. I want to thank our guild members for making this possible so we can continue until we can once again meet in person.

Want to make a different type of quilt give this a try.

**Cutest yo-yo jig saw puzzle. This puzzle is the cutest little quilt block.**

<http://www.jigidi.com/solve.php?id=XE196EG>

Now for the tip of the month – **MUST-KNOW TIPS FOR CARING FOR YOUR CUTTING MATS**

### **CLEAN AND MOISTURIZE YOUR MAT TO KEEP IT IN TOP SHAPE!**

Self-healing cutting mats are among a quilter's most important tools. They can be a bit pricey, so it makes sense to keep them in good shape. Fortunately, it's not hard to clean them up and extend their life. With care they will provide good service for many years.

Occasionally, you'll want to clean off little threads and fibers that get caught in the cuts and keep the mat from "healing". A soft scrubber (for dishes), an eraser or a soft brush like a toothbrush or mushroom brush will make short work of removing leftover fuzz. A light touch is all it takes.

Just make sure the tool you're using is soft enough to prevent scratching the mat.

Once the mat is clean, it's time to moisturize it and renew the surface. This involves soaking it in a vinegar and water solution in the bathtub or other large container. Ideally, your mat should lie flat while soaking. However, if you have an extra-large mat you may need to let it bend up the side and reposition it gently from time to time so the whole surface gets a good soak.

For soaking, use cool water, never warm or hot as that can warp the mat. Use a solution of ¼ cup white vinegar per gallon of cool water and let it soak for 15 to 20 minutes. Add a bit of mild dish soap, like Dawn or Ivory, and use a soft brush to gently scrub the surface of the mat (the key word here is SOFT). This will get any straggler fibers that may still be trapped in the cuts.

In the process of cleaning your mat this solution will also moisturize it, making it supple again. Your rotary blades will last longer, too, since they will be cutting into a softer surface.

Once done soaking, rinse it with cool water to remove all residue.

Dry the mat with a soft towel or let it air dry. Make sure it is flat while drying so it doesn't warp.

Thank you,  
Mary Cieslak





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### **Programs**

#### **Ruth Hild, Leesa Jump**

We have great news!! Joan Der has volunteered to be in charge of contracts/programs starting July 2021. Thanks in advance!

We will finish this year with the following programs:

#### **April 13 – Amy Friend**

Zoom presentation on Improv Paper Piecing, using paper piecing to create unique modern quilts.

[www.duringquiettime.com](http://www.duringquiettime.com)

If you haven't already done so, you may want to check out her web site before she speaks.

Amy is a former museum curator who is now a quilt pattern designer and author. She enjoys making modern quilts and paper piecing. She has authored three books: Intentional Piecing (all about fussy cutting and the best use of your fabric), Improv Paper Piecing (about her innovative technique combining the improv aesthetic with the paper piecing technique) and Petal + Stem (mix and match flower and stem blocks.)

She lives in Massachusetts with her husband and three kids, and loves gardening and baking.

#### **May 11, 2021 - Ruth Ann Berry**

Lecture/ trunk show - Bargello, 3 D, panels, with demos of each. [www.quiltersclinic.com](http://www.quiltersclinic.com)

Ruth Ann Berry is the author of "Bargello Quilts in Motion", C&T Publishing 2014, "Braided Bargello", C&T Publishing 2017, Simplified 3D Quilts, self-published 2018, Stunning 3D Quilts Simplified, C&T Publishing 2020 and over 50 quilt patterns available at major distributors.

She owns and operates a small-town quilt store and online business, the "Quilter's

Clinic" and travels extensively to exhibit and teach at guilds and festivals.

For her Zoom Presentation/Trunk Show, she will show many quilts, in three different styles: Bargello, 3D, and Stacked Frames. She gives a brief history and explanation of the design process and demonstrates the construction techniques for each style.

She has books, patterns and kits for sale. Ruth Ann's work can be viewed at [quiltersclinic.com](http://quiltersclinic.com)

#### **June 8, 2021 - Betsy Habich**

Designing and Making a Pieced Picture Quilt with freezer paper.

Starting with a description of early quilts, Betsy explains how she began designing picture quilts to achieve more realistic images by piecing with freezer paper templates. The freezer paper template method frees you from the perfect 1/4" seam by marking and sewing on the seam. Unlike paper piecing, freezer paper templates let you use curved seams, and lets you easily audition fabric.

The first part is a slide + trunk show, covering both what works and what not to do. The second part takes you from photograph to quilt top, including designing the pattern, checking it for pieceability, making the freezer paper templates, selecting fabric, mocking-up, marking, and sewing. [www.BetsyHabichQuilts.com](http://www.BetsyHabichQuilts.com)

Betsy Habich has been sewing since the third grade. Her quilts have been juried into national and regional shows, including International Quilt Association (IQA/Houston), American Quilters Society (AQS/Paducah), Machine Quilters Expo (MQX), and Quilters Gathering, and been awarded ribbons at regional quilt shows.



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She is a self-confessed fabricaholic and cat person. She lives with her husband, cats, and fabric in Beverly Farms, MA, a coastal community north of Boston.

**Ruth Hild and Leesa Jump**

[RQGPrograms@Gmail.com](mailto:RQGPrograms@Gmail.com)

### Philanthropy

**Terri Hayes, Judy Long**

It has been another generous month of receiving gifts to share with our communities from our guild members. We were able to donate 18 quilts to two new organizations. We were given the names of these organizations by a guild member. Children's Advocacy Center in Joliet received 9 quilts, and Silver Cross Hospital received 9 quilts. Both organizations were happy to receive them.

This month we collected; 2 complete quilts from Margaret Z., 1 quilted quilt, Nancy S., 1 bound quilt, Donna M., 1 bound quilt, Terri H., 1 complete quilt, Judy L., 10 complete quilts from Karen B. of Bloomington (Karen's daughter has a connection with a guild member), fabric, Loraine N., and 10 pillowcases and fabric from Renee L.

Renee is not a member yet, Mary C. is working on it, but she saw our website and donated. How cool is that. Nonmembers donating to our guild. We are looking forward to next month. We will be donating to tried and true organizations and sharing with new ones. Thank you, members, for your continued support.

We were contacted by Kindred Hospice to see if our guild would be interested in making pillows that fit into the hand. They would be for people whose hands are



paralyzed in a clenched fist. They help protect the palms from the nails digging into them.

Philanthropy is interested in this project and will get more information to share with our members. Anyone familiar with these pillows? They are small with elastic on the hand and the pillow is in the palm. Let us know if you do.

We are still collecting burp bibs, hand muff warmers, and receiving blankets. Open Door of Sandwich and Monarch Springs of Naperville are interested in hand warmers.



Again, thank you members, this would not be possible without you.

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Sincerely,

Judy Long, Terri Hayes  
Philanthropy Committee

### Special Events

#### Darlene Ebel

#### **2020-2021 Stash Buster Challenge**

Congratulations to first place winner Sharon Thomsen for her Poinsettia wall hanging, second place winner Margaret Donahue for her Behind Closed Doors quilt and third place winner Svetlana Gluskin for her Log Cabin quilt.

Many thanks to the 17 Guild members who joined in the fun by submitting 37 projects and over 100 quilts, table runners, wall hangings, bags, bowls and more.





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3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner Log Cabin by Svetlana Gluskin

1<sup>st</sup> Place Poinsettia Wall Hanging by Sharon Thomsen



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Behind Closed Doors by Margaret Donahue



*Congratulations*  




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### THE GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Now that there is a possibility that many will be vaccinated, there is hope that the end is in sight. At this time the board has decided to continue with virtual speakers until February, 2022.

According to current bylaws, several offices must be filled for the guild to continue. Someone from the nominating committee may call you for your help.

So, it is urgent to fill these positions, now. Otherwise, starting **July 2021-2022**, **THE GUILD MAY NEED TO DISBAND.**

<b>President,</b>	<b>Vice President,</b>
<b>Treasurer,</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Small Quilt Auction</b>
<b>Instagram</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	<b>Web site</b>
<b>Video Communications</b>	

The board members have been serving for two or three years because of the pandemic. We need new people to sign up for these positions. Since we don't have in person meetings, would you please contact the board member in the chart if and when you are interested.

There are some job descriptions on the following pages for you to look over and decide if you can help our guild. Maybe you and a friend could co-chair a committee.

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at: [RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com) by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

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Currently, the RQG is meeting through ZOOM meetings and programs. All members are invited to these ZOOM programs.

### Riverwalk Quilters Guild 2019-2021 Board

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Hospitality <a href="mailto:RQGHospitality@gmail.com">RQGHospitality@gmail.com</a>	Leesa Jump
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January Holiday Party <a href="mailto:RQGHoliday@gmail.com">RQGHoliday@gmail.com</a>	Amy Shuter
Rummage Sale	Nancy Sturgeon
Membership Directory	Nancy Sturgeon
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<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Riverwalk">www.facebook.com/Riverwalk</a>	<b>FACEBOOK</b>
<a href="https://www.instagram.com/naperriverwalkquilts">www.instagram.com/naperriverwalkquilts</a>	<b>INSTAGRAM</b>



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### RQG EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

<p><b>Article V</b> <b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b></p>	<p>Section 5.05 Executive Officers: Duties of officers are as follows:</p> <p>a) <b>PRESIDENT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Coordinates activities and ideas of members and the Board of Directors.</li><li>2) Prepares Board meeting agendas.</li><li>3) Oversees fundraising and other Guild events.</li><li>4) Presides over the monthly meetings and Board meetings.</li><li>5) May appoint special committees and committee chairs as approved by the Board.</li><li>6) Shall perform any other duties incidental to the position.</li><li>7) Shall respond to the Online Contact Form addressed to the guild. Act as the contact person accepting fabric, patterns, quilting supply donations from non-members.</li><li>8) Act as the contact person and schedule raffle quilts being displayed by other guilds at our general meetings.</li></ol>
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<p><b>Article V</b> <b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b></p> <p><b>(Continued)</b></p>	<p>b) <b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Presides over meetings in the absence of the President.</li><li>2) Assists with the membership drive, as necessary.</li><li>3) Chairs the By-Laws Committee and maintains the Guild By-Laws and Policies and Procedures with help from the President.</li><li>4) Assists the President in overseeing fundraising activities.</li><li>5) Is in charge of finding locations for monthly Board meetings.</li><li>7) Shall perform any other duties incidental to the position.</li></ol>
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### Article V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### c) **SECRETARY:**

- 1) Shall record minutes of all Board meetings and the annual meeting.
- 2) Shall maintain the guild calendar.
- 3) Shall be responsible for any correspondence that does not relate specifically to an activity or responsibility of another Board position.
- 4) Shall maintain a file of the minutes, correspondence, By-Laws, and all other non-financial records relating to the Guild.
- 5) Shall maintain a file of reports and correspondence from Board members and special committee chairs.
- 6) Shall maintain a listing of all guild equipment and its physical location.
- 7) Shall perform any other duties incidental to the position.

### Article V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### d) **TREASURER:**

- 1) Acts as custodian of the Guild's assets.
- 2) In accordance with the Policies and Procedures established by the Board of Directors, is responsible for:
  - a. Deposits and disbursements of Guild funds.
  - b. Complete and accurate financial record keeping
  - c. Financial reporting.
  - d. All other duties pertinent to the office.

### Standing Committees:

#### Section 5.06 Standing Committees:

Each committee chair shall, in accordance with the Policies and Procedures established by the Board of Directors, have the following responsibilities:

#### a) **CONTRACTS & PROGRAM PLANNING:**

- 1) Serves a two-year term. The first year shall be as Program Planning Chair securing speaker contracts and the second year as Program Chair.

**Thank you, Joan!**



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	<p>2) Plans programs and workshops for the upcoming Guild year and submits them to the Board for consideration and review.</p> <p>3) Presents program plans for the upcoming Guild year at the year-end Transition Board Meeting.</p> <p>4) Provides information on upcoming programs and workshops for the Guild newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, and Social Media.</p> <p>6) In alternate years, the Program Planning Chair will secure the speaker for the next Quilt Show.</p>
	<p>b) <b>PROGRAMS (YEAR TWO):</b></p> <p>1) Administers all programs and workshops for the current Guild year.</p> <p>2) Provides information on programs for the newsletter.</p> <p>3) Serves as liaison to speakers and workshop presenters.</p> <p>4) Works with other committees on workshops and programs, as necessary.</p> <p>5) Arranges for housing, meals and transportation of guest speakers as needed.</p> <p>6) Publicizes and promotes workshops and Guild programs.</p>

<p><b>Standing Committees:</b></p> <p><b>(Continued)</b></p>	<p>c) <b>HOSPITALITY:</b></p> <p>1) Sets up refreshment table prior to meetings oversees prompt clean-up of beverages and snacks following the meeting.</p> <p>2) Recruits and organizes volunteers to help with set-up and take-down of meeting room chairs and tables if needed.</p> <p>3) Hospitality to assist Holiday Party Chair with food and beverages for holiday party.</p>
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<p><b>Standing Committees:</b></p> <p><b>(Continued)</b></p>	<p>d) <b>LIBRARY:</b></p> <p>1) Maintains and organizes library books, magazines, and DVDs for use by the members.</p> <p>2) Keeps a list of all materials and loans on computer card catalog for quick referencing.</p> <p>3) Notifies members of overdue material and collects fines.</p> <p>4) Selects and purchases new material according to guidelines established by the Board.</p>
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<b>Standing Committees:</b>  <b>(Continued)</b>	<b>e) MEMBERSHIP:</b> 1) Maintains, updates, and distributes the membership list.  2) Maintains a membership waiting list as necessary.  3) Collects dues and distributes membership cards and any informational materials provided for new members.  4) Works with the Membership Directory Chair on updating and reprinting any informational materials provided for members.  5) Provides the Newsletter Editor with additions and corrections to the membership list on a regular basis.  6) Performs other membership related activities as deemed appropriate by the Board.
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**Thank you, Sue!**

<b>Standing Committees:</b>  <b>(Continued)</b>	<b>f) NEWSLETTER:</b> 1) Publishes and distributes issues to the paid membership.  2) Maintains a library and USB of back issues of Guild newsletters.  3) Solicits articles from the membership.  4) Supplies current copy for the Guild website.  5) Acts as liaison to the website maintainer.  6) Sends E-mail blasts to the membership on an as needed basis.
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<b>Standing Committees:</b>  <b>(Continued)</b>	<b>g) PHILANTHROPY:</b> 1) Identifies, organizes, and inspires participation in philanthropic projects for the Guild.  2) These may include but are not limited to, charity quilts, food drives, clothing drives or other special projects for the benefit of the community.
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**Thank you, Terri and Judy!**



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<b>Standing Committees:</b>  <b>(Continued)</b>	<b>h) SPECIAL EVENTS:</b> 1) Develop, plan, and facilitate special programs and activities.  2) Coordinate Guild quilting bees.
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<b>Standing Committees:</b>  <b>(Continued)</b>	<b>i) VIDEO COMMUNICATION CHAIR</b> 1) Set up the Zoom account. Establish the username, password, defaults and payments for the account. Set up meetings in Zoom for Guild Meetings, Board Meetings, Training Meetings and other guild related usage. Maintain a schedule of meetings.  2) Co-ordinate with program chair to set up the schedule for Moderators for the regularly scheduled Guild Meetings.  3) Establish moderator for the Guild Board Meetings (may be Secretary, President, Vice President)  4) Set up schedule and agenda for Training sessions, if needed.  5) Establish Zoom Meeting Usage guidelines.  6) Submit articles/communications to Newsletter Chair, as needed.  7) Provide Annual Budget estimate for audiovisual expenses.
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<b>Standing Committees:</b>  <b>(Continued)</b>	<b>Social Media / Website:</b> 1) Maintains the Guild website ( <a href="http://www.riverwalkquilters.com">www.riverwalkquilters.com</a> ) by posting current newsletters, by-laws, forms, library information and membership gallery.  2) Posts items of interest to the Guild, including upcoming speakers, events, show-and tell pictures and quilt shows in the area.  3) Maintains a list of board positions and their associated Gmail accounts.
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<b>Standing Committees:</b>  <b>(Continued)</b>	<b>Social Media / Facebook:</b> 1) Maintains the Guild Facebook ( <a href="http://www.facebook.com/riverwalk">www.facebook.com/riverwalk</a> ) by posting current newsletters, by-laws, forms, library information and membership gallery.
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- 2) Posts items of interest to the Guild, including upcoming speakers, events, show-and tell pictures and quilt shows in the area.
- 3) Monitor the Facebook inbox and answer questions or direct questions to the appropriate person(s).
- 4) Report to the board the number of likes and the number of posts that were shared in the past month.
- 5) Post assorted other items to communicate to the membership and those who have liked the Facebook page.
- 6) Facebook Assistant helps the chairman with the account.

**Standing  
Committees:**  
  
**(Continued)**

**Social Media /Instagram:**

- 1) Maintains the Guild Instagram ([www.instagram.com/naperriverwalkquilts](http://www.instagram.com/naperriverwalkquilts)) by posting show and tell pictures, member and quilting bee quilts.
- 2) Report to the board the number of likes and the number of posts that were shared in the past month.