



Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Can you believe that we are in the month of December already? How did this happen?

It seems like just yesterday that we were making heart quilts for Valentine's Day and here we are now making Christmas and winter scene quilts.

As this busy time of the year approaches us remember to think of people who are less fortunate than ourselves and think about making some philanthropy quilts that will brighten someone's holiday season.

For our December 10th meeting we welcome Heidi Parkes from Milwaukee, WI who will be joining us as our guest speaker for the evening featuring "My Quilts and How I Got There".

Also at our December 10th meeting The Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild will be displaying their raffle quilt named "Symphony of Colors" designed by guild members. It is 84" w x 94" L to be raffled off on 3/21/20.

I hope that all our members are looking forward to our holiday party in January when we get together to share each of our holiday experiences and enjoying a good meal.

And don't forget to start looking through your quilting supplies, fabrics, patterns and books to donate to our rummage sale. Just remember "One quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure".

On behalf of our board members we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing all your new quilting creations in 2020.

Stay safe and healthy this holiday season,

Mary Cieslak
President - RQG



Hospitality

Ho Ho Ho! Don't forget to bring a treat to share at our December meeting! Thanks in advance! meeting.

Dee McHale and Leesa Jump

Wanted:

Holiday & Winter Patterned Fabric

I am making dog bandannas for the northern Illinois Golden Retriever rescue group, As Good As Gold, to use as a small fundraiser. I sew them on my serger, and can get two bandannas from a 22" square of cotton fabric. All-over prints work best. I will also take any cute fabric suitable for a dog bandanna (sports, holidays, etc.) Please bring it to me at the December meeting. Thank you.

Nancy Sturgeon

Riverwalk Meetings and Workshops

December 10, 2019: General Meeting

Heidi Parkes

My Quilts and How I Got There

<http://www.HeidiParkes.com>

Heidi is a fiber artist, focused on quilts and mending. She explores the concepts of place, relationships and memory in her artwork. Some common themes in her quilts are those of mapping, memory and color field work. Heidi uses an improvisational style when piecing and quilting.

January 14, 2020: Rummage Sale & Party

February 11, 2020: General Meeting

Kathleen Herbach

Trunk Show

March 10, 2020: General Meeting

Bill Kerr/Weeks Ringle - Modern Quilt Studio

Our Quilting Journey and Yours

www.modernquiltstudio.com

March 14, 2020: Workshop Bill Kerr/Weeks Ringle

Understanding Value and Piecing Curves

April 14, 2020: Philanthropy

May 12, 2020: General Meeting

Laura McDowell Hopper - Sonic Stitches Quilts

Details to follow

<http://www.sonicstitchesquilts.com>

June 9, 2020: General Meeting

Natalie Santini - Sew Hungry Hippie

Details to follow

<http://www.hungryhippiesews.com>

Workshops are filled on a first come, first served basis. Bring your checkbook, credit/debit card to guild meetings for workshops. Sign up with payment early to ensure your participation and class availability.

If a participant is unable to attend a workshop, the student must responsibly contact the workshop coordinator for a replacement student to attend from

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the existing waiting list. No refunds issued unless a workshop is cancelled. No attendees at 2 months prior to class may result in workshop cancellation. Thank you for your understanding and keep learning to quilt!

Checkout the website, Facebook and Instagram accounts for more information

Web: <http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/july-2018--june-2019.html>

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/naperriverwalkquilts>

Special Events

2019-2020 Challenge – No Name Few Rules

Projects are due at December meeting with judging and presentation of awards taking place at the January holiday party. Please remember to include your name, title of your project and to conceal project in a pillowcase or similar cover. If you know the number of items used from one kit, please include that also. Challenge Rules and description are on the guild web page.

Member Subsidized Sew In Retreat: The next sew-in will be **February 29, 2020** at Grace Church from 8:30 to 4:30 in Fellowship Hall. The \$10.00 registration fee includes door prizes, beverage and choice of lunch, salad or beef, tuna or poultry sandwich. Members of the guild can sign up at the December meeting.

Bees: Beekeepers please continue to send updates.

Darlene Ebel, Chair

A Word from Margaret

Hello Quilters,

For many of us Show and Tell is the highlight of our monthly meeting. No matter which month it is, sharing our work with each other is always a great time.

When I complete something I add it to my Instagram collection. People can follow me and see what I am doing without a lot of words exchanged...it is a great tool for sharing visual arts.

In case you missed it the @naperriverwalkquilts is the user name for the guild Instagram. When you complete a project and add it to your Instagram it would be nice if you tagged our group. If you have been resistant to social media this is a good place to start and it may be an incentive to have a young person in your family or social circle teach you something new!

At one of our quarterly sew-ins Jen Beatty encouraged me to download the app "Repost" It is white with purple arrows in it. Repost allows you to copy an Instagram

(using the dots in the upper right hand corner) then post it to your feed. This is especially helpful in sharing and/or crediting announcements or projects highlighted in an organizations' Instagram that you would like all of your followers to see.

Using the @ symbol or # you can find and follow the things you are interested in in the quilt and textile art world.

[@magm3501---my Instagram account](#)

[@naperriverwalkquilts---my guild Instagram account](#)

[#materialgirlsrqg](#) –the tag I asked the gals in my Material Girls Bee to use when they make something they want to share.

Thanks much,

Margaret Donahue

Holiday Party January 14, 2020

Think winter: snowflakes, snowmen and cold days when it is nice to stay in where it is warm and quilt. That's our party theme.

Highlights for the party are:

- ***Show and tell of winter themed quilts***
- ***Rummage sale***
- ***Voting on the challenge quilts***
- ***Potluck supper***
- ***Donating to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry***

Please bring winter themed quilts for our show and tell time at the party. They don't have to be recently made, just winter themed for January's show and tell. Designs such as feathered stars that look like snowflakes, snowmen, snowflakes, winter scenes, or snowball blocks would all be appropriate. Maybe you have a UFO that fits this category that you can finish and bring.

Bring your **contributions for the rummage sale** and don't forget your ca\$h to buy from the rummage sale.

Potluck: Our main course will be chicken, and we ask that members bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name as follows: A-G appetizers, H-S side dish or salad, T-Z dessert. Thank you.

For Loaves and Fishes, please bring a non-perishable food item. After the holidays, Loaves and Fishes needs to replenish the pantry to help more people.

Let's look forward to some party fun to help make January bright! Amy Shuter, Holiday Party Chair



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January Rummage sale

Please do not use straight pins to connect items or fabrics together.

We take books, fabric--all kinds, notions, quilting magazines, quilting patterns, yarn, quilt projects that you will never finish (bag it so everything is together), unquilted tops, antique quilts and or tops, finished quilts, buttons, quilt blocks, embellishments, you name it...Just package your related things by group in plastic bags so it all stays together--thread in 1 bag, buttons in another, etc. No need to bag books, patterns or magazines. Fabric does not need to be packaged unless there are loose pieces or if they are a group of things Like pieces for a project) that should remain together. We try to keep the tables neat, but it gets crazy. Crazy fun!!

We will probably price books at \$3-\$5 for current and \$1 for out of date. One price for magazines \$.25. One price for patterns \$1?. I will make signs. No prices on other things. I think we will take what members will agree to pay for the item. If you have any ideas on pricing, let me know.

All profit goes to the RQG Guild for items such as room rent, speaker fees, etc.

Leftovers will probably be donated to the Wayside Cross Sweet Charity Resale shop on Montgomery Road. just north of White Eagle.

Start going through your stuff now. It's a great opportunity to clean up your sewing area and get rid of what you don't use. Be realistic. Will you really ever use that fabric? That pattern? You get the gist...Any questions, call or email me. My info is in the RQG directory.

Nancy Sturgeon

Membership

At our November meeting, three new members joined, bringing our total to 103. Be sure to extend a warm welcome our newest members: Julie Milldrum, Rachele Sheffer, and Debbie Vinson.

Bev Parker and Carol Rubeck

Quilting Ideas

Improve your timeliness

<https://youtu.be/C5In4dmm0ec>

What to do with your scraps??

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=td6UVyD2zrY>

Blueprint, like many other merchants are running a huge sale for Black Friday and Cyber Monday. In this sale, you can get **50% off all classes**, if you want to use the buy-and-own-forever model. Or you can try the **Unlimited Access to Blueprint for only \$39.99**. That's everything on the site for a whole year for only \$39.99, which is a fantastic deal.

I have a subscription and have gotten several patterns for free as part of Blueprint.

<https://www.myblueprint.com/home>

Website

If you need something added or changed on the website www.riverwalkquilters.com, please email Kathleen Pallardy at the rggwebsite@gmail.com

Please contact Kathleen Pallardy to post your quilting services for hire on the RQG website. Please include a brief description of your services and preferred contact information to be posted to the website.

Advertising rates are based on one month's issue. Ads must be prepaid and received by the Editor by 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.

Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

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

Riverwalk Quilters Guild meetings

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Grace United Methodist Church

300 E Gartner Road, Naperville, IL

Newsletter email

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at :

RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com

by 4th Tuesday of the month.

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