



# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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### **President** **Mary Cieslak**

Well here we are already in the month of December and waiting for Santa to make his visit on the 25<sup>th</sup>. So, if a jolly fat man shows up at your house on Christmas eve dressed in a red suit wearing a red mask let him in because he may be bringing you a new quilt kit to work on during the coming winter months.

Just a friendly reminder our guild is still in the need of a guild member to fill the position of Programs for 2021. Our current Programs chairperson Ruth Hild has already booked guest speakers for several months in 2021 so half of the work is already done. Ruth is willing to assist you in any way she can to make the transition effortless going forward. Please consider stepping up to fill this position so our guild can continue for many years to come.

Stay safe and healthy during this holiday season and into 2021 by remembering this Irish Blessing.

### **IRISH BLESSINGS FOR THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

May the road rise up to meet you,  
But please do not meet up with anyone else.

May the winds be at your back,  
And your coughs be in your elbow.

May the sun shine upon your face,  
The rain falls upon your fields.

And until we meet again, in no less than fourteen days,  
Though potentially up to four months,

May God hold you in the palm of his thoroughly washed hand.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
Mary Cieslak  
Riverwalk President

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

Dec. 8, 2020 - Connie Martin –

### **Pre-Civil War Quilts: Their Secret Code to Freedom on the Underground Railroad.**

[WWW.Precivilwarquilts.com](http://WWW.Precivilwarquilts.com)

Connie Martin will give a historical presentation, “Pre-Civil War Quilts: Their Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad.” This is a multimedia experience including intro. music, Power Point slide presentation, storytelling, and explanation of 18 beautifully hand-crafted quilt replicas, representing quilt patterns and special stitching used over 300 years ago by abolitionists and fugitive slaves to signify escape routes to the North.

It is based upon her mother’s book: Lizzie’s Story: A Slave Family’s Journey to Freedom.” By Dr. Clarice Boswell. (Amazon.com). She will tell the fascinating family stories of how these quilt codes were used by her ancestors. Their meanings and interpretations have been passed down to her; a 6th generation descendant of captured American slaves.

Dear Quilting Friends,

### **The guild needs your help!**

The Contracts chair position has been vacant for 6 months. We need someone NOW!

Briefly, the Contracts chair coordinates programs and speakers for the guild meetings and puts this information in the newsletter. This is a two-part job, first you get to pick your favorite quilt teachers, choose lectures and arrange about 3 or 4 workshops, to fill in between the auction, philanthropy, school house and Jan. party, (so that takes care of 4 months there).

The second part starts in July 2021 when the programs begin. I didn’t need to do this, because

we are using Zoom, but usually they take the speaker out to eat before the meeting, assist them in setting up for their presentation and taking down. And they coordinate workshop registrations and over see them. You can have other members each take turns as hostess for speakers and hostess for workshops if you want.

I started doing contracts Oct. 2019 and thought I was finished in Dec. 2019. Little did anyone know everything would need to be changed to do Zoom meetings. I had to cancel some speakers and find some others that would give Zoom presentations. But now everything seems to be running smoothly thanks to help from Zoom moderators and assistants.

Now it is time to find a new Contacts chairwoman to take over as they will be responsible for our programs starting July 2021. There are three speakers that didn't want to do Zoom, and a few workshops that were canceled, so hopefully they will be able to come when we meet back in the church.

Now that there is a good possibility of getting a vaccine approved, and hopefully many will be vaccinated, there is hope that the end is in sight. The board has decided to continue with virtual speakers until Dec. 2021.

I feel many of you could do a great job planning programs. If you would like to have a co-chair, maybe someone in your Bee, or a Friend would help. Some of you may already have done this, but please consider taking this again or another office for next year. (Almost all the current officers have stayed on for a 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. and worked continually to keep the guild going.

I can give you a LOT of help and information before we leave the end of Dec. if you sign up now. Usually favorite speakers fill up their schedules early, so the sooner the better.

According to current bylaws, several offices including contracts and programs MUST be filled for the guild to continue, so IT IS URGENT TO FILL THIS POSITION, NOW. Otherwise, starting July we will have NO PROGRAMS and the guild MAY NEED TO DISBAND.

So, will you PLEASE consider taking on this challenge or can you think of a few ladies that may be willing to take or share the Contacts position?

Please call me if you have questions or suggestions. I'm trying to get this done before mid-Dec., so I would appreciate your quick response. We are still planning to go to FL.

Thanks in advance, and stay safe,  
Ruth Hild, 630-355-9240 (h), 630-247-5973 (c)

### **Video Communications Chair** **Rosemary Sanza**

**Reminder**....December is the last month that a Zoom Practice and Training meeting will be held. It is scheduled for Monday, December 7 at 7:00PM. The meeting invitation and further instructions will be sent in a blast email over the weekend. Please reach out if you want/need assistance and are unable to make the meeting.

In an effort to support the continuation of holding meetings over the upcoming winter months, the guild has approved the use of the Guild Zoom account for use by the guild members for bees and other related social gatherings.

Following are the guidelines that have been established for a group to use the Zoom account.

1. The subject of the meeting is quilting and/or fiber arts.
2. A third of the usual attendees/members are guild members.
3. The group provides a responsible party to open meetings.
4. The group is a bee, friendship circle or interest group. That is, the group does not operate as a guild with such things as official positions, by laws, dues, board meetings, programs/speakers, etc.

If you are interested, requests should be sent to Rosemary Sanza at [RQGVideoCom@GMail.com](mailto:RQGVideoCom@GMail.com) who will make the final determination and will coordinate any timing conflicts with other requests. Hope this helps to keep our guild members in touch and social with each other. Happy quilting!

Yours truly,  
Rosemary Sanza

## Philanthropy

### Terri Hayes, Judy Long

The Christmas stockings and pillowcases project for Open Door in Sandwich, Illinois was a resounding SUCCESS. Judy and I will be bringing them Wednesday. Our 65 count of both was achieved and exceeded! There were 14 members involved in the success. I enjoyed seeing all the creations. Look for some of them in pictures on show and tell in the upcoming quilt meeting.

We have over 150 stockings and over 80 pillowcases. All will have a home. Organizations that have expressed interest are; Sharing Connections, Downers Grove, Ronald McDonald house, Winfield, and Northwestern Medical, Winfield. Philanthropy has received a plethora of donations from guild members.

Philanthropy has received many treasures from guild members. Wanda J., 5 stockings, 2 pillowcases, Terri H., 11 pillowcases, Donna M., bound 2 quilts, 6 stockings, Loraine N., 10 stockings, 9 pillowcases, and bound 1 quilt, Linda M., 9 pillowcases, Carol W., 2 pillowcases, Carol R., 1 complete quilt, 1 pillowcase, Sue D., 3 pillowcases, Judy L., 1 complete quilt, and Margaret Z., 32 pillowcases.

As I look through all the people who have given of their time and materials, I'm always amazed and grateful. It's rewarding to be part of a wonderful organization. The guild will only be possible with the time and energy the members put into it. Let's all consider how we can contribute to the guilds continued SUCCESS.

Sincerely,  
Terri Hayes and Judy Long  
Philanthropy Committee

P.S. As I looked through the donation amounts and people I have recognized, I know I missed either people or the amounts donated. My apologies. I am challenged with organization and numbers. Looking to improve, help me by letting us know who was missed. Thank you.



## Special Events

### Darlene Ebel

#### **2020 Stash Buster Challenge:**

We have our first double entry from guild member, Sharon Hallett Thomsen. Hers is the 7<sup>th</sup> entry in the list of member projects described below.

- 1) Carol Gruchala is making 2 quilts from her stash of cat fabrics using Clarissa patterns and her stash of MB cat fabrics. The first quilt pattern is 'Cat out of the Bag,' she has not decided on pattern for the second quilt but it will similar to bricks or squares.
- 2) Carol Matlak is using her stash by making scrappy quilts to be donated to Habitat for Humanity in Will County. Patterns include 'Waterfall at Night' – batiks, 'Colors at Night' – batiks and 'Shots of Hungry Little Caterpillar.'
- 3) Kathleen Herback is using 'Modern Birds in the Air' blocks from her stash.
- 4) Rita Farrell is making a scrappy quilt using Pat Sloan's 'Traffic Jam' from her stash.
- 5) Sharon Hallett Thomsen is using a quilt top 'Roots & Wings' she made in 2017 and a stack of unrelated quilt blocks and coordinating sashing's for the reverse side. Sharon pieced, machine quilted and bound a beautiful quilt.
- 6) Darlene Ebel is making three lap quilts for hospice made of 12 vintage appliqued blocks and her stash of vintage fabrics and embellishments. Darlene will piece, machine quilt and bind lap quilts.
- 7) Sharon Hallett Thomsen is using a quilt top made in 2006 at a RQG class with Phil Beaver that included salt dyeing and raw edge applique and thread painting. She brought it out of her stash a few years later and replaced the raw edge applique with using a monofilament thread. In 2020 she again pulled it out of her UFO bin and is finishing Poinsettia Bouquet project for our challenge.

## IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER –

### USE UP YOUR STASH!!

To enter, email [debel721@att.net](mailto:debel721@att.net), a picture and description of your project(s). Enter “CHALLENGE” in subject line.

## July 2020 Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge

### Stash Buster

#### General Information:

1. Challenge opens July 15, 2020 to RQG members. Guild bees and groups of guild members may submit project(s).
2. There is no entry fee. To enter email [debel721@att.net](mailto:debel721@att.net) a picture of your project, your name(s) and brief description of your project(s)
3. Challenge closes at February 2021 meeting
4. Voting will be by members for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes and may take place virtually
5. Cash prizes awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners

#### Rules:

1. Project must be sewing related and from your or another's existing stash. It can be a UFO.
2. Individuals, bees, or teams that include guild members can submit projects. You can swap fabric or embellishments with others.
3. There are no size or quantity limits. This might include a large quilt or large quantities of a single project.
4. Email [debel721@att.net](mailto:debel721@att.net) pictures of your project(s) at entry and completion, include your name, project name and project description(s). You can include pictures as your project(s) progressed, like a show and tell
5. Use your imagination, tell a story and have fun with this challenge

Please stay safe, Darlene Ebel,

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## Jan 12 – SCHOOL HOUSE –



So far, we have 4 presenters, Rosemary Sanza with small pumpkins, Yvette Thorn with quilt labels, Carol Wilhoit on techniques to photograph our quilts, and Catherine Redford TBA.

Do you have a special technique or idea you would be willing to share? Please email your suggestions to [leesajump@hotmail.com](mailto:leesajump@hotmail.com)

**Feb 9 – Susan Cleveland** – Will be showing her winning quilts using **PRAIRIE POINTS, MARVELOUS MITERS, ATTIC WINDOWS, PIPING HOT BINDING, CURVES, AND DISAPPEARING DRESDENS.**

Susan is a quilt designer/author/teacher/inventor and admirer of all things quilty! Her quilts are loosely based on traditional designs with a fair bit of unexpected surprises and details.

They showcase precision piecing, thread embellishments and bold colors. She enjoys sharing her quilts and passing along her techniques to others.

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

**March 9, 2021 - Lori Dickman** - lecture & trunk show - **MY FAVORITE 3 D'S, DRESDEN, DIAMOND, & DRUNKARD'S PATH.**

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

Lori Dickman has been quilting for over 30 years and teaches numerous quilting classes. Lori will provide a Zoom lecture/presentation titled “My Favorite 3-D quilts/Trunk Show” that features over 30 of Lori's favorite 3 D's quilt designs, Diamond, Dresden, & Drunkards' Path.

These are several types, from traditional to applique to modern. In this lecture, Lori will inspire us to pick up those three versatile template tools and have fun designing and piecing literally dozens of different designs and make fabulous quilts.



[www.homegrownhospitality.typepad.com](http://www.homegrownhospitality.typepad.com)

**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)

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, loves gardening and baking.

**May 11, 2021 - Ruth Ann Berry** – Lecture/ trunk show **BARGELLO, 3 D, PANELS**,

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

**June 8, 2021 - Betsy Habich** – **DESIGNING AND MAKING A PIECED PICTURE QUILT WITH FREEZER PAPER.**

<http://betsyhabich.com/> [www.BetsyHabichQuilts.com](http://www.BetsyHabichQuilts.com)

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 let 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.

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.

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.

**Riverwalk Quilters Guild**  
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Please contact Rosemary Sanza ([rqgwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:rqgwebsite@gmail.com)) 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.

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The Riverwalk Quilters Guild usually meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00p, at Grace Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, Illinois. The RQG board meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7pm at Grace Methodist Church.

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

