

President Mary Cieslak

Dear Members,

As a group of women with the like interest of quilting and getting together as friends the RQG finds itself in trouble of continuing as a guild.

The pandemic has thrown RQG and many people into a place that we all would rather not be in. With that being said we find ourselves scrambling to keep our guild up and running but without the cooperation of its members filling the important executive positions and subcommittee positions we need the help of everyone in our guild.

I know none of this is what you want to hear but it may just happen because not enough members have stepped up to fill the open positions.

It amounts to having every member fill a position once every four years so, please help us out here.

We have the following openings that need to be filled:

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS	SUB-COMMITTEE POSITIONS	
President	Facebook	Small Quilt Auction
Vice President	Hospitality	Special Events
Secretary	Instagram	Video Communications
Treasurer	Newsletter	Website

According to our by-laws the executive positions must be filled in order for the guild to continue to operate. Otherwise, starting **July 2021-2022**, **the guild may need to disband**, and we don't want to be yet another statistic of an organization that had to close its doors.

Our membership dues will be coming due again at the end of June so please find it in your heart to keep our guild going by volunteering for a position now.

Please contact any of the members on the executive board with your decision to fill one of these openings.

The members who currently hold these positions are willing to help and advice on any questions you may have for performing the duties of these positions.

Thank you, Mary Cieslak President – RQG





Programs Ruth Hild, Leesa Jump

We will finish this year with the following programs:

May 11, 2021 - Ruth Ann Berry

Lecture/ trunk show - Bargello, 3 D, panels, with demos of each. 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

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

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.

Ruth Hild and Leesa Jump

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<u>Philanthropy</u> <u>Terri Hayes, Judy Long</u>

It is always a good feeling to give and receive. Our guild has provided many heart felt, handmade items to be shared with our community. In April we delivered 8 quilts and 12 pillowcases to the Ronald McDonald house in Winfield. We also dropped off 9 quilts to Northwestern Medicine in Winfield, children's center. We are always met with smiles and thank yous.

We have several lap quilts that we are collecting and hand muff warmers for the memory care unit at Monarch Landing in Naperville. We are also collecting hand muff warmers for Open Door in Sandwich. If you are interested in a kit to make the hand muffs, we can make that up for you. Please contact Terri. We are well on our way with the burp bibs and receiving blankets that will be delivered to Share our Spare in Chicago. Check out their site, many great comments. When the Chewy box is filled, it will be ready to give. If there are any quilt members that go into the city and would like to drop it off, let Terri know. Their address is Share Our Spare 935 W. Chestnut St. Chicago IL 60642. Web site is shareourspare.org

We have received many donations of material. My home has been overwhelmed with all the generosity of members and nonmembers. Margaret Z. has graciously opened her home to receive future donations. Mary C. recently dropped off many bins of material to Margaret. Thank you, Mary, for sorting them into colors. Very helpful. We have several kits already made up for quilt tops. Soon we will include pictures of the kits and some examples of what the tops will look like. We have batting, backing and again kits to share with our members.

We did receive material and finished projects this month. Unfortunately, my list and memory has been misplaced. When one or both returns, I will include it in a future newsletter.

Sincerely, Terri Hayes, Judy Long Philanthropy Committee

Membership Sue Damitz

Membership renewals starts this month for the 2021-22 year and is due by June 30, 2021. Annual membership dues are \$35. Please fill-in the attached form and mail it to me at Sue Damitz, 10S588 Curtis Lane, Naperville, IL 60564.

I need the form to update the records. Also, if you have changed your phone number or email address, please don't forget to include that also.





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. 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. Someone from the nominating committee may call you for your help.

No experience required! There is a binder with all the past and present information on the job.

We have a board meeting once a month (Nov and Dec are together for one meeting). We have really enjoyed having them on Zoom because it is easier to sit by the computer than sweep snow off your car in the church parking lot. We think it would be more convenient to continue Zoom board meetings in the future.

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

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

<u>Riverwalk Quilters Guild</u> <u>2021-2022 Board</u>

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From the By Laws...

Article X DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

Section 10.01 The membership may vote to dissolve the Riverwalk Quilters Guild. at any general meeting of the Guild by a simple majority vote, provided that a motion to dissolve has been submitted in writing at the previous general meeting.

Section 10.02 The Guild shall be considered dissolved if there are an insufficient number of nominees for the Guild Board election to fill all executive offices and the membership, program, newsletter and program planning committee chair position. If other committee chairs are not filled, that function will not be available to the Guild for that year.

Section 10.03 Should the Guild be dissolved, the Board will decide where to distribute the assets, with the provision that it selects only from organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which have established status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

P.S. HELP

Can anyone tell me which quilt guilds that are within 20 miles are looking for new members?

I have a lot of quilting I want to do!

(I just made my first 2 UFO's!!!!)

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